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To

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,

REGENT OF COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 18th July, 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

WE HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1928-29, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the Regency Council.*—As stated in the last year's report, Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, Member, Regency Council, left India for England in April, 1927. On the 18th July, 1928, he tendered his resignation as Member of the Regency Council, from England. It was accepted by the Regency Council on the 12th February, 1929. The place left vacant in the Regency Council by this resignation has not been filled up as yet. There was no other change in the constitution of the Regency Council during the year under report.

3. *The Judicial Work of the Regency Council.*—The Council held 31 meetings on the Judicial side during the year under review against 39 of the previous year. Owing to the absence of Her Highness the Maharani Saheba, Regent and President, Regency Council, from India, Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Civil and Sessions Judge of the State, had to be co-opted as a Member to form a Full Bench of the Judicial Committee of the Regency Council to dispose of certain Revenue Reference and Motions. The following statement shows the work done by the Regency Council, exercising the functions of a High Court, during the year 1928-29 :—

NATURE OF CASES.	Pending at the close of the year	Instituted during the year	DISPOSED OF										Pending at the close of the year
			Dismissed.	Granted.	Rejected.	Modified.	Remanded.	Struck off.	Compromised.	Total.	
CIVIL.											
Regular Appeals (Title) ...	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	...
Miscellaneous appeals & special appeals	1	6		2	...	1	...	2	...	5	2
Special Appeals (Title) ...	2	4		1	...	...	...	1	...	3	3
Special Appeals (Rent) ..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Motions and References ...	...	7		...	...	2	...	3	...	6	1
CRIMINAL.											
Appeals	2	7	...	1	...	4	2	...	...	7	2
Motions and References	1	9	...	...	5	3	1	...	1	10	...
REVENUE.											
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Motions and References	7	8	...	2	3	...	1	...	...	6	9
Grand total	19	42	1	8	9	11	4	6	4	1	41	20

4. *Legislative Work of the Council.*—There was no meeting of the Legislative Council nor any work relating to Legislation during the year under report.

5. *Executive Work of the Regency Council.*—On the Executive side of the Regency Council, 13 meetings were held against 26 of the previous year. Only important questions requiring deliberation in Council or cases in which there was a difference of opinion amongst the members were taken up and disposed of in the meetings that were held. All other matters were disposed of by circulation of papers amongst the Members The Executive work of the Council is dealt with under the three following heads:—

I.—General

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous

I.—General.

6. *Arrival and Departure of His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur.*—As stated in the last year's report, His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur left for England on the 3rd of April, 1927, for his education. After a stay of about 2 years in England, His Highness returned to the State on the 7th of February, 1929. His Highness again left Cooch Behar en route to England on the 8th of April, 1929. His Highness' arrival and departure were public. All Courts and Offices, Schools and the College in the State remained closed on the aforesaid dates in honour of the occasions.

7. *Extension of the term of appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Hutchinson, I.A., O.B.E., as Vice-President, Regency Council.*—In his letter No. D. 2624-A 28, dated the 15th November, 1928, to the address of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Political Department, Political Branch, the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, in the Foreign and Political Department, conveyed the sanction of the Government to the extension of the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Hutchinson, I.A., O.B.E., as Vice-President, Regency Council, Cooch Behar, on the existing terms, for a period of two years with effect from the 21st November, 1928, the date on which the period of his appointment expired. The Government of India noted with satisfaction Your Highness' appreciation of the serivces of Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Hutchinson.

8. *Confirmation of Mr. H. L. Khastgir, Rai Bahadur, M. A., as Judicial Member, Regency Council, and Revenue Officer of the State.*—As stated in paragraph 2 of the Annual Administration Report of the State for the year 1925-26, Mr. H. L. Khastgir, Rai Bahadur, M.A., was appointed Judicial Member, Regency Council, and Revenue Officer of the State, for a period of 3 years in the first instance, with effect from the 12th of November, 1925, on which he took over charge. Your Highness in Council was pleased to confirm him in his appointment with effect from the 12th November, 1928, on which the period of 3 years mentioned above expired.

9. *All India Medical conference.*—The Civil Surgeon of the State was permitted to attend, on duty, the all India Medical Conference held during the Christmas week.

10. *Transfer of the control of the Electrical Department from the Secretary to Her Highness the Maharani Saheba Regent to the Vice-President, Regency Council in the General Department of the State.*—With the erection of the new Electrical Power Station and the supply of current to the whole public in the Town, the Electrical Department was considered to be no longer a Palace Department. Your Highness in Council was, therefore, pleased to order the transfer of this Department from the charge of Your Highness' Secretary to that of the Vice-President, Regency Council, in the General Department.

11. *Resignation of the post of Comptroller of the Household and Guardian of His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur by Major Nawab Khusru Jung.*—His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur having been at School in England, Major Nawab Khusru Jung found that there was very little work for him in the nature of guardian to His Highness. In the circumstances he felt that he was not justified in continuing in a position which practically amounted to that of a sinecure. Secondly, his absence from India for a protracted period, as would be necessary, was not conducive to his interests. He therefore submitted his resignation on the 2nd April, 1928. The resignation was accepted with effect from the 1st June, 1928.

12. *Introduction of new stamps in the State*—It was decided to introduce into the State new stamps containing the altered Coat of Arms of the State, that is, substituting the figure of tiger for that of lion. The Treasury Officer and the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars were directed to destroy by burning in their presence all the old stamps that were in, and came to, their possission on the 1st April, 1929, on which the introduction came into force and furnish certificates stating the number and value of the stamps thus destroyed. The Stamp vendors also were directed to return on the 1st April, 1929 to the Treasury or Sub-treasuries all the old stamps in their possession and receive in exchange fresh stamps of the same value and denomination.

13. *Action to take in the State on the terms of the Slavery Convention, 1926.*—The Government of Bengal under cover of their Revenue Department, Miscellaneous Branch, letter No. 525 T. R., dated the 9th September, 1927, forwarded a copy of the Slavery Convention, signed at Geneva, on the 25th September, 1926, together with an extract from a declaration made by Sir William Vincent in respect of the Indian States in the sixth Committee of the Assmbly of the League of Nations and desired that the Cooch Behar Durbar would work steadily towards the amelioration of any conditions which were not in accordence with the terms of the Convention. The intention of the Convention is to secure the complete suppression of slavery in all its forms and of the slave trade by land and sea. In their Revenue Department letter No. 11433 Miscellaneous, dated the 28th June, 1928, the Government of Bengal intimated that His Majesty's Government asked for a summary of any important results that probably followed from the above mentioned communication and requested to be furnished with a brief report in respect of the Cooch Behar State. In reply the Government were informed that in the Cooch Behar State slavery is not practised in any sense, nor are any conditions prevalent which may be held to amount to forced labour of the kind against which the Convention is directed. No forced labour in any shape is exacted from any one in the State either on or without remuneration. The question of taking action towards the amelioration of conditions which are not in accordance with the terms of the Convention does not, therefore, arise so for as this State is concerned.

14. *Determination of the portions remaining to be settled of the Cooch Behar—Jalpaiguri Boundary.*—As stated in paragraph 18 of the last year's Annual Administration Report, the Director of Land Records and Surveys, Bengal, submitted to the Government of Bengal for approval a joint report of Mr. C. A. O'Donel, retired Deputy Superintendent of Surveys, representing the Government of Bengal and Mr. N. C. Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar, representing the Cooch Behar State, on the refixing of the missing pillars along Colonel Hirst's sections of the Cooch Behar—Jalpaiguri boundary and on the joint enquiry and determination of the strips Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Mr. Hart's section of the boundary, together with a set of maps in 19 sheets. The Director submitted one copy of the joint report together with one set of the maps to the Cooch Behar Durbar also. The Government of Bengal and the Cooch Behar Durbar both have, during the year of report, adopted the joint report and the maps as showing the correct boundary for the portions dealt with therein.

15. *Topographical Survey of the Cooch Behar State.*—The contribution of Rs. 12,000 to be spread over two years, *viz.*, 1928-29 and 1929-30, which the Regency Council offered (*vide* paragraph 15 of the last year's report) towards the cost of the Survey of the entire State territory by the No. 12 Party (Eastern Circle), on a scale of one-inch to the mile was accepted by the Government of India on condition that should special surveys on other scales be required, they should be separately paid for. The acceptance was conveyed by the Government of Bengal through the Commissioner of the Rajshahi Division and Political Agent for the Cooch Behar State. The sum of Rs. 6,000, the half of the above contribution, which had been provided in the budget estimates of the year under report, was paid to the Government in compliance with the requisition of the Director, Eastern Circle, by depositing the amount on the 8th February, 1929, in the Government portion of the Cooch Behar Treasury, in favour of the Director The work in connection with the operation made progress and triangulation was completed during the year of report. It may be stated here that Rs. 6,000, the remaining half of the contribution, has been provided in the Budget estimates for the year 1929-30.

16. *Re-adjustment of the charge for the Railway Police.*—The Regency Council agreed to pay to the Government of Bengal on their representation a sum of Rs. 4,622-13-4 per annum on account of the cost of Police force employed on the Cooch Behar State Railway for a period of five years with effect from the 1st April, 1927. This arrangement was to be subject to revision if in the meantime any important changes were made in the Police organisation or in the mileage of the Railway. This amount having been found to be insufficient to cover the charges on account of cost of the staff at the increased rates of pay, which were sanctioned with effect from the 1st November, 1928, to some ranks of the Bengal Police Force, from which the Police force employed on the Cooch Behar State Railway are drawn, the Government of Bengal made a further reference to the Regency Council during the year under report asking for an annual payment of Rs. 5,357-8 calculated on the basis of the increased rates of pay for the purpose, for the period from the 1st November, 1928, to the 31st March, 1934, subject to the same condition of intermediate re-adjustment as heretofore. The Regency Council agreed to the payment of this amount on the term and condition laid down by the Government as mentioned.

17. *Pooneah Ceremony for* 1335 *B. S.*—Pooneah Ceremony for the year 1335 B. S. was performed on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May, 1928,

corresponding with the 19th, 20th and 21st of Baisakh 1335 B. S. by Rai Bahadur H. L. Khastgir, M. A., Revenue Officer of the State. Courts and Offices of the Revenue Department remained closed for 4 days and all other Courts and Offices for 3 days commencing from the 2nd of May, 1928. Owing to the absence of His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur from the State, the Pooneah Durbar was not held.

II.—Financial.

18. The actual revenue and expenditure of the year under report amounted to Rs. 41,66,139 and Rs. 43,07,326 against Rs. 41,58,104 and Rs. 37,33,985, respectively, of the previous year resulting in a dificit of Rs. 1,41,187 in the year under review against a surplus of Rs. 4,24,119 of the previous year. The expenditure of Rs. 43,07,326 mentioned above includes a sum of Rs. 4,13,333 which was set apart for the Reserve Fund. The actual expenditure during the year of report therefore amounted to Rs. 38,93,993 excluding the sum of Rs. 4,13,333 which was not really an expenditure but represents the provision made for His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur and the family. The transactions during the year of report thus show a surplus of Rs. 2,72,146 instead of the apparent deficit of Rs. 1,41,187 as mentioned above.

Compared with the revenue of the previous year, the revenue of the year under report shows an increase of Rs. 8,035 only, which is mainly due to the increases under the following heads :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(a) Land Revenue	40,788
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	43,221
VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	
(b) Chaklajat Estates	55,715
(c) Panga Estate	11,936

There were, on the other hand, decreases under certain heads of revenue, particularly the following :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(b) Stamps	87,973
(c) Excise	19,132
III.—Miscellaneous.—	
(b) Jail	35,554

The expenditure of the year under report amounted to Rs. 38,93,993 against Rs. 37,33,985 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,60,008 which is accounted for as detailed below :—

	Rs.
II.—Administration.—	
2. General	1,92,663
4. Law and Justice	9,588
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway	19,146
VII.—His Highness' Estates.—	
(b) Chaklajat Estates	29,234
(c) Panga Estate	6,461
Deposit with the Eastern Bengal Railway for Capital Works	9,630

Against the increases noted above there were, however, large savings in the expenditure under the following heads :—

	Rs.
II.—ADMINISTRATION.—	
3. Revenue	30,202
III.—STATE CEREMONIAL DEPARTMENT ...	19,797
V.—MISCELLANEOUS	55,004

The details of Revenue and Expenditure are given in the annexed statement furnished by the Audit Officer of the State.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

19. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during the year 1928-29, as compared with the year 1927-28 :—

	For the year.		
	1927-28.	1928-29.	INCREASE.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	5,20,456	5,63,677	43,221
Working expenses ...	2,39,428	2,58,574	19,146
Net earnings	2,81,028	3,05,103	24,075
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	46·00	45·87	

Out of the net earnings of Rs. 3,05,103, Rs. 1,30,581 was received from the Chief Auditor, Eastern Bengal Railway, during the year of report leaving a balance of Rs. 1,74,522 recoverable from him on the 31st March, 1929. The balance has since been realised.

20. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year 1928-29 :—

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
	Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar Town Committee	66,113	56,578
Dinhata Town Committee	10,779	10,715
Mathabhanga Town Committee	15,128	19,020
Haldibari Town Committee	9,390	8,987

21. In the Budget Estimate for the year 1929-30, Rs. 41,99,392 has been provided as Revenue and Rs. 41,30,078 as Expenditure, showing a surplus of Rs. 69,314 only. The expenditure includes a provision of Rs. 2,00,000 for the Rserve Fund.

We have the honour to be
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient and humble servants,

W. G. HUTCHINSON,
LT.-COLONEL,
Vice-President, Regency Council.

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer, Judicial Member, Regency Council.

G. NARAYAN,
Member, Regency Council.

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FROM

LT.-COLONEL W. G. HUTCHINSON, I.A., O.B.E.,
VICE-PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
COOCH BEHAR.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 10th June 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1928-29 of the Departments under my charge.

I regret that under the late Superintendent of Police, Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha, there have been grave irregularities and defalcations in the Police Department. The matter has been thoroughly inquired into by a Committee of Inquiry and on their report the case has been referred to Government who have decided to hold a Commission of Inquiry on Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha, who was lent to the State by the Government of Bengal.

In the meantime, in order to overhaul the Police Department and put it once more on a proper basis the Regency Council decided to ask the Government of Bengal for the services of a British Officer for one year. The Government of Bengal have been pleased to lend the State the services of Mr. D. F. Lesslie, an Officer of the Indian Police and he took over his duties as Superintendent of Police on the 25th April, 1929.

In all other Departments I am glad to be able to report continued progress.

The programme which we have set ourselves in the Public Works Department, is steadily maturing and there is a decided improvement in the rate of work.

Council are not yet in a position to consider any definite proposals as regards Communications. To do so and carry on a full programme would necessitate a separate staff and a loan of several lakhs of rupees to be devoted entirely to communications. This does not yet seem advisable. In the meantime good progress is being made on the West Emigration Road and the Road to Tufangunj. A secondary berm road is being made along these roads at all parts where cart-traffic is excessive. When these have been finished and main roadway is freed from cart traffic it will be possible to take in hand improvement to the road surface for motor and ordinary traffic.

After a serious outbreak of cholera in 1928, it is satisfactory to find that up to date we have almost a clean sheet of health this year. Cholera has practically been non-existent and small-pox has never been serious.

A start has been made on the inspection of all wells in the State and it is hoped that in the coming cold weather steps can be taken to repair thoroughly such wells as produce good drinking water. When this is done the question of increasing the number of wells, specially in those parts where experience has shewn that these fell diseases are most prevalent, will be considered. It is proposed in future to sink ring wells, which are economical and efficient, and far more suitable, than the present system of distributing tube wells which quickly go out of order.

The State finances are steadily improving and give no cause for anxiety.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Charge.—Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, was in charge of the Fouzdari Office throughout the year under report.

2. The names of Officers who held charge of the subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year under report are mentioned below.—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Names of Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.	Names of Additional Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	Srijut Himadriballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debuttar N. A.	On 1st April 1928.	.....	.....
	Srijut Himadriballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Settlement N. A.	From 2nd April to 31st March, 1929.	...A.	.....
	Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, Magistrate, 2nd Class.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.	.....	.....
	Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar, Magistrate, 2nd Class.	From 2nd to 19th May, 1928; from 9th June to 11th September 1928 and from 5th November 1928 to 3rd February 1929.	.....	.....
	Srijut Dwijendra C. Sen, B L., A. N. A. Mal.	From 4th March, 1928 to 31st March, 1929.	.....	.....
	Srijut Lalit Mohan Buxi, B. L., Debuttar Naib Ahilkar.	From 2nd April to 20th October, 1928 and from 3rd January to 31st March 1929.	.....	.....
Tufangunj ...	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B. L., N. A.	From 1st April, 1928 to 31st March, 1929.	.....	.....
	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., N. A.	From 5th to 8th December, 1928.	.....	.....
Dinhata ...	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., N. A.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan, B. L., Addl. N. A.	From 1st to 8th April and from 21st May to 5th June 1928.
			Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., 2nd Addl. N. A	From 12th September to 12th October 1928.
			Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Addl. N. A.	From 9th April, to 20th May, 6th June to 4th Dec. 21st Dec. 1928 to 28th Jan. & 5th to 31st March, 1929.
			Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B L. Addl. N. A.	From 4th Feb. to 4th March 1929.
Mathabhanga ...	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	Ditto	Ditto.	From 1st April 1928 to 3rd Feb. 1929.
			Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan, B. L., Addl. N. A.	From 16th March to 31st March 1929.
Mekligunj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 20th May 1928 and from 5th June 1928 to 31st March 1929.	Ditto.	From 23rd Feb. to 15th March 1929.
	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From 21st May to 4th June 1928.		

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Haldibari.*—Moulvi Dhajaruddin Prodhan held charge of the Haldibari Bench up to the 13th August 1928 and from the 14th August 1928 to the end of the year Mr. T. McMurphy remained in charge.

There were altogether 20 sittings of the Bench during the year against 22 of the previous year showing a decrease of 2 sittings due to the lesser number of cases coming up before the Bench during the year under report.

The following table shows the attendance of the members of the Bench :—

Names of Magistrates.	No. of days present.
Mr. T. McMurphy	9
Moulvi Dhajaruddin Prodhan	15
Srijut Abinash Chandra Ganguli	19

Fifty-nine cases (54 cognizable and 5 non-cognizable) were tried by the Bench during the year against 67 in the previous year showing a decrease of 8 cases only.

The following table shows the details of cases received by the Bench from different sources during the past three years :—

Year.	From Haldibari Police Station.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1926-27	46	12	58
1927-28	54	13	67
1928-29	54	5	59

4. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shows the number of cases cognizable and non-cognizable instituted during the past three years :—

Year.	Offences. Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1926-27	1551	1037	2588
1927-28	1704	1136	2840
1928-29	1730	1172	2902

The total number of cases reported during the year was 2902 against 2840 in the previous year showing an increase of 62 cases.

5. *Cognizable and Non-cognizable Crimes.*—The following table shows the number and variety of offences reported during the year as compared with those in the previous year :—

Class of Offence.	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1927-28.	1928-29.	Increase.	Decrease.	1927-28.	1928-29.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offences against the State ...	55	54	..	1	55	38	...	17
II. Serious offences against persons	113	122	9	...	...	1	1	...
III. Do. against property..	699	707	8	...	5	10	5	...
IV. Minor offences against persons...	16	20	4	...	414	448	34	...
V. Do. against property ...	478	507	29	...	359	283	...	76
VI. Other offences	343	312	...	31	211	178	...	33
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	8	8	...	92	214	122	...
Total ...	1,704	1,730	58	32	1,136	1,172	162	126

6. The following statement gives the result of the past three years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1926-1927.			1927-1928.			1928-1929.		
	Cognisable.	Non-cognisable.	Total.	Cognisable.	Non-cognisable.	Total.	Cognisable.	Non-cognisable.	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pending cases in the preceding year.	1,628	1,193	2,821	1,784	1,262	3,046	1,821	1,358	3,179
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,440	1,274	2,714	1,369	1,293	2,662	1,510	1,516	3,026
Convicted	584	320	904	516	222	738	568	303	871
Released	589	190	779	432	173	605	556	277	833
Otherwise disposed of	125	672	797	168	749	917	158	734	892
Pending at the close of the year ...	142	92	234	253	149	402	228	202	430
Percentage of convictions to total number of persons tried.	49·78	62·74	53·77	54·53	56·20	54·95	37·61	19·98	28·78

7. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under section 157 '*b*' of the Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 309 cases during the year against 308 in the previous year.

8. *Abstract of heinous offences :—*

Murder.—Three cases of murder were reported during the year against nil in the previous year. With one case which was shown pending in the statement of the previous year, there were altogether 4 cases for disposal. Of these 4 cases, one was declared false due to mistake of fact or law, one ended in conviction and 2 in acquittal.

Culpable Homicide.—Two cases of culpable homicide, not amounting to murder, were reported during the year against one in the preceding year. Neither of these 2 cases was detected.

Dacoity.—Twenty cases of dacoity were reported during the year against 26 in the previous year. Together with 6 cases that remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were altogether 26 cases to be dealt with. Of these 26 cases, one was transferred to serial No. 26 (Robbery), 20 cases were not detected and 5 remained pending at the close of the year.

Rape.—There were 3 cases of rape reported during the year against 5 in the preceding year. 2 cases remained pending at the close of the previous year, making a total of 5 cases for disposal. Of these 5 cases, one ended in conviction, two were not detected and 2 remained pending at the close of the year.

Unnatural offence.—There was no case of unnatural offence reported during the year.

Robbery.—25 cases of robbery against 10 in the previous year were reported during the year. 1 case was transferred from serial No. 25 (Dacoity) making a total of 26 cases for disposal. Of these 26 cases, 3 were proved to be false due to mistake of law or fact, 1 ended in conviction, 1 ended in acquittal, 17 were not detected and 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

Kidnapping.—4 cases were reported during the year against 10 in the previous year. 2 cases remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 2 cases, one petition case was shown pending through mistake. Of the remaining 5 cases, 2 were proved to be intentionally false, 1 false due to mistake of law or fact, one was not detected and one remained pending at the close of the year.

Arson cases.—Twelve cases were reported during the year against 4 in the previous year. One case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 13 cases, 3 were proved to be intentionally false, one false due to mistake of law or fact, 2 ended in acquittal, 6 were not detected and one remained pending at the close of the year.

9. The following table shows the number of appeals preferred during the year with their results :—

Names of officers.	Total No. of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals	Order confirmed.	Appeal rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
Sudder.							
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	5	5	5	...	...	...	.....
„ Himadriballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Settlement N. A.	16	13	10	...	3	...	.....
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer ...	11	9	6	...	1	...	2
„ Himadriballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debutter N. A.	2	2	2	...	...	...	.....
„ Lalit Mohan Buxi, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	13	6	6	...	...	...	.....
Tufanganj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi. B. L., Naib Ahilkar... ...	14	12	10	...	...	2	.....
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar	18	16	11	...	4	1	.....
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	10	4	1	...	2	1	.....
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan. B. L., Additional N. A.	7	6	...	3	1	2	.....
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	13	9	4	1	3	1	.....
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	40	16	9	2	2	3	.....
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional N. A.	1	1	1	...	...	...	.....
Mekliganj.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar...	14	6	2	1	3	...	.....
Total ...	165	105	67	7	19	10	2

10. The following table shows the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year under report :—

Names of Courts.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Sessions Judge ...	17	52	24	23	1	4	46·15
„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	687	236	209	10	9	8	88·55
„ Himadriballabh Biswas, M. A., B.L., Settlement N. A. ...	83	1.9	30	39	28	22	25·21
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer ...	105	159	14	89	52	4	1·7
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar.	36	74	8	41	25	...	10·81
Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar.	13	6	...	3	...	3	.....
„ Lalit Mohan Buxi, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	95	103	21	28	31	25	20·00
Total ...	1,36	731	306	233	126	66	.....
Tufanganj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	387	443	96	93	207	47	21·67
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta M.A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	5	3	...	...	3	...	.....
Total ..	392	446	96	93	210	47	.....
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L. Naib Ahilkar	545	292	151	45	72	2	51·71
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	125	302	37	137	82	16	12·25
Moulvi Ahamed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	15	27	6	17	4	...	22·22
Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen. B L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	19	24	4	16	15	...	11·76
Moulvi Ahamed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., 2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar.	4	8	1	6	1	...	12·5
Total ...	768	663	199	220	174	70	.....
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal. M. A. B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	431	443	109	99	119	116	24·60
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	81	238	47	92	90	...	19·74
Moulvi Ahamed Hossain Prodhan, B L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	70	176	10	63	40	68	5·68
Total ...	642	857	166	254	258	179	.....
Mekliganj.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	230	265	41	33	124	67	15·47
Total ...	230	265	41	33	124	67	.....
Haldibari.							
Bench Magistrates' Court.	61	64	63	...	...	1	95·44
Total ..	61	64	63	...	...	1	.....
Grand Total ...	3179	3026	871	833	892	430	.....

11. The following table gives the result of commitments to the Court of Sessions :—

Names of committing Officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tufangunj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	1	3	...	...	...	3	...
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar...	8	18	18	...	...	...	100
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	10	20	5	13	1	1	25
Mekliguni.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	3	11	1	10	...	...	9·09
Total ...	17	52	24	23	1	4	...

12. The following table gives the longest, shortest and and average period of detention of undertrial prisoners :—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.	Days.	Days.	
Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Sessions Judge	76	15	40·37
„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	214	1	25·18
„ Himadriballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Settlement Naib Ahilkar	103	3	23·93
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B, L., Treasury Officer ...	22	1	11·00
„ Lalit Mohan Baksi, B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	16	16	16·00
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	27	1	7·39
DINHATA.			
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	51	1	10·59
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A. B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar...	61	2	22·92
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	15	15	5·00
„ Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Second Addl Naib Ahilkar	9	5	7·00
Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	1	1	1.00
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	97	1	21·3
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	129	15	28 5
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	118	4	13·2

13. *Miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases:—

Nature of case.	No. of cases including those pending from last year.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off, *i.e.* dismissed summarily.	Pending.	Remarks.
Maintenance	26	8	3	2	9	4	
Right of way	64	3	6	19	22	14	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, Cr.P.C.	20	1	1	4	11	3	
Security under Secs. 109, and 110 Cr. P. C.	5	.....	3	.....	2	.....	
Total ...	115	12	13	25	44	21	

14. *Compensation paid to Complainants and Accused.*—A sum of Rs. 965 was paid to complainants under section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in the several Courts during the year under review against Rs. 867 in the previous year, while compensation paid to the accused under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code amounted to Rs. 100 against Rs. 180 in the preceding year.

15. *Realisation of Fines.*—The following table shows the result of realisation of fines during the last three years :—

Years.	Balance of the previous year.	Imposed during the year.	Total amount to be realised.	Realised during the year.	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1926-27 ...	8,297	9,525	17,822	9,274	5,004	3,568
1927-28 ...	3,568	8,628	12,196	5,981	540	5,675
1928-29 ...	5,675	11,056	16,731	10,459	.....	6,272

16 *Stamps and Court Fees.*—The following table shows the income from stamps and Court Fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year under report as compared with that of the previous year :—

Names of Courts.	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1928-29.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder ...	1,678	1,728	926	910	2,604	2,638
Tufangunj ...	586	861	317	473	903	1,334
Dinhata ...	1,134	1,164	684	447	1,818	1,611
Mathabhanga ...	1,298	946	316	260	1,614	1,206
Mekliganj ...	522	709	247	249	769	958
Haldibari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,218	5,408	2,490	2,339	7,708	7,747

17. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report :—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUDDER.											
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar.	169	112	57	...	169	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Himadriballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Settlement Naib Ahilkar.	343	304	34	5	280	51	7	...	...	...	...
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	338	285	53	...	281	53	4	...	...	...	...
„ Lalit Mohan Bakshi, B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	328	275	53	...	308	25	...	...	...	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Addl. Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	140	122	18	...	113	20	2	5	...	...	...
Total ...	1,318	1,098	215	5	1,146	119	13	5	...	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.											
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	670	585	85	...	655	15	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	670	585	85	...	655	15	...	...	..	...	...
DINHATA.											
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	594	455	106	33	467	83	9	2	...	...	...
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	598	334	152	112	246	125	67	26	22	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	17	12	5	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,209	801	263	145	730	208	76	28	22	...	..
MATHABHANGA.											
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, MA., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	399	359	40	...	383	16	...	...	...	...	...
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	584	519	65	...	498	78	8	...	...	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossian Pradhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	83	73	10	...	68	15	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,066	951	115	...	949	109	8	...	...	...	...
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	643	529	58	56	469	86	31	1	...	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	4	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	647	533	58	56	473	86	31	1	...	...	...
HALDIBARI.											
Bench Magistrates' Court	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..
Total ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	4,611	3,969	736	206	3,954	567	128	34	22	...	...

18. The following statement shows the miscellaneous works done by the different Courts :—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of bail bonds executed.	No. of recognizance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder ...	2476	3851	57	380	306	347	372
Tufangunj ...	946	2453	71	15	57	121	23
Dinhata ...	1724	4042	389	46	150	234	50
Mathabhanga ...	1045	4057	252	45	217	294	49
Mekligunj ...	1494	1580	159	6	81	81	31
Haldibari ...	...	7	...	24	3	1	56
Total ...	7,685	15,990	928	518	814	1,078	581

19. *Recovery of wives.*—There were 86 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 89 in the previous year. With 8 cases pending from the preceding year there were 94 cases to be dealt with. Of these, 52 cases were dismissed, in 24 cases the wives were restored to their husbands, in 15 cases the women denied marriage and 3 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

20. *Chowkidari Department.*—The following table shows the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets and their collecting members employed during the year under review together with the number of villages served by them :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	No. of Chaukidars.	No. of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting members.	No. of villages.
Sudder	321	548	128	263
Tufangunj	211	213	68	126
Dinhata	375	271	58	310
Mathabhanga	450	359	67	267
Mekligunj	227	245	57	243
Total ...	1,584	1,636	378	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1584 and the total number of Panchyets was 1636 during the year against 1584 and 1880 in the previous year respectively.

The Chowkidars were receiving their wages more or less regularly and whenever default was made distress warrants were issued against the Panchayets for recovery of Chowkidars' wages.

The maximum and the minimum pay of the Chowkidars continued to be Rs. 6 and Rs. 4-8-6, respectively, as in the previous year.

The following statement shows the demand and realisation of the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report :—

TOTAL DEMAND—	Sudder. Rs.	Tufangunj. Rs.	Dinhata. Rs.	Mathabhanga. Rs.	Mekligunj. Rs.	Total. Rs.
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction.	1,249	847	1,398	1,750	959	6,203
2. Balance of the previous year.	338	239	374	438	237	1,626
Total	1,587	1,086	1,772	2,188	1,196	7,829
3. Amount realized during the year.	1,272	852	1,352	1,721	957	6,154
4. Amount which remained unrealized on the 31st March.	315	234	420	467	239	1,675
5. Amount of fine realized	400	202	393	269	91	1,355
6. Amount of penalties realized.	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2
7. Miscellaneous receipts	336	255	551	575	306	2,043
8. Total of items 3, 5, 6 & 7	2,029	1,309	2,296	2,566	1,354	9,554

The details of expenditure from the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report are given below :—

	Sanctioned amount. Rs.	Actual Expenditure. Rs.
1. Contingencies	3,435	2,504
2. Rewards and gratuities &c.	1,200	575
3. Irrecoverable portions of pay of Chowkidars ...	200	3
4. Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions	2,254	2,143
Total ...	7,089	5,225

A further sum of Rs. 2,722 was spent from the fund on account of construction of the Chowkidari shed attached to the Police Station Dinhata.

The total receipts were Rs. 9,554 against Rs. 10,354 and the expenditure Rs. 7,947 against Rs. 5,566 in the previous year. The net profit of the fund for the year under report was Rs. 1,607 against Rs. 4,778 in the previous year. The decrease was mainly due to the expenditure incurred for the reconstruction of the Chowkidari shed at Dinhata.

The opening balance of the fund was Rs. 19,109 of which Rs. 18,379 was in the Treasury and Rs. 730 in the Chowkidari offices and Sub-treasuries. The closing balance was Rs. 20,716 of which Rs 20,154 was in the Treasury and the balance of Rs. 562 in the several Sub-Treasuries and Chowkidari offices.

21. *Cattle Pounds.*—The number of cattle pounds in the State was 109 being the same number as in the previous year.

The following statements show the receipts and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report:—

Statement showing the receipts from Pounds for the year 1928-29.

		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
1.	Number of Pounds ...	16	21	21	34	17	109
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2.	Balance of the previous year.	555	.....	48	405	.....	1,008
3.	Amount of bid ...	2,039	2,254	1,689	3,332	3,002	12,316
	Total ...	2,594	2,254	1,737	3,737	3,002	13,324(a)
4.	Amount of bid realised	2,152	2,254	1,726	3,537	3,002	12,671
5.	Amount of bid unrealised	79	.....	11	200	.....	290
6.	Sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle.	373	250	254	564	498	1,939
7.	Miscellaneous ...	.....	10	29	25	21	85
8.	Total of items 4, 6 & 7	2,525	2,514	2,009	4,126	3,521	14,695

(a) Out of this amount Rs. 363 was written off *vide* Council letter No. 1219, dated 24th July 1928.

Statement showing the expenditure of the Pound Fund for 1928-29:—

Head of service.	Budget sanctioned for 1928-29.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies	800	780
Establishment	1,572	1,451
Rewards for killing dogs	500	493
Total ...	2,872	2,724
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee	3,600	3,600
„ Dinhata „	200	200
„ Mathabhanga „	2,000	2,000
Improvement of Sub-Divisional Town at Tufangunj	1,000	999
„ „ „ at Mekligunj	900	900
Total ...	7,700	7,699
Grand total ...	10,572	10,423

Together with the arrear balance of Rs. 1,008 the total bid to be realised was Rs. 13,324 against Rs. 16,133 in the previous year, of which Rs. 12,671 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 653 out of which Rs. 363 was written off as unrealisable under orders of the Regency Council. Rs. 2,024 was received as sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle and miscellaneous receipts. The total collection was thus Rs. 14,695 against Rs. 17,674 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 2,979. The higher figure of the preceding year was mainly due to the receipt of a large amount (Rs. 2,766) as sale-proceeds and Rs. 3,936 as arrear bid money against Rs. 1,937 and Rs. 1,008, respectively, in the year under report.

The cost of establishment and contingencies together with charges incurred for killing rabid and stray dogs amounted to Rs. 2,724 against Rs. 2,083 in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 641. The increase is partly due to the expenditure of Rs. 485 for re-construction charges of the Sudder Pound and partly to payment of rewards to the methors for killing a considerably larger number of dogs than in the preceding year.

Rupees 7,699 was paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-divisional Towns in the State as contribution towards effecting improvements of the places concerned. Ths total expenditure amounted to Rs. 10,423 against Rs. 7,137 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 3,286.

The opening balance of the Pound Fund was Rs. 36,570 of which Rs. 35,872 was in the Treasury and Rs. 698 in the different Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance of the Fund was Rs. 22,943 of which Rs. 21,458 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,482 at the Sub-Treasuries. Rs. 18,400 was lent for the construction of the Sunity Academy Buildings.

22. *Free distribution of Quinine Tabloids.*—There were 4367 tabloids in hand at the close of the preceding year. During the year under report quinine tabloids were not received from the Civil Surgeon of the State for distribution. The following table shows the distribution :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Tabloids distributed.
Sudder	1,068
Tufangunj	.....
Dinhata	307
Mathabhanga	.....
Mekligunj	60
Total ...	1,435

The balance in hand at the close of the year was 2932 of these 2175 are at the Fouzdari office and the rest with the Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata.

23. The following Statement shows the number of records received in the record room during the year under report :—

COURTS.	Records of regular cases.	Miscellaneous cases.	Total.
Sudder ...	1377	706	2083
Tufangunj ...	322	51	373
Dinhata ...	791	69	860
Mathabhanga ...	558	59	617
Mekligunj ...	254	57	311
Haldibari Bench ...	48	...	48
Total ...	3350	942	4292

The following Statement shows the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report :—

Courts.	Number of records of regular cases sorted for destruction & preservation.				Total No. of Books & Registers destroyed.	Total No. of miscellaneous papers & bundles destroyed.
	Total No. of records sorted.	Records destroyed wholly.	Records destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly.		
Sudder	1083	885	48	150	23	17
Tufangunj ...	276	192	14	70	19	5
Dinhata	595	458	20	117	9	6
Mathabhanga ...	464	343	16	105	14	41
Mekligunj ...	211	141	6	64	11	7
Haldibari Bench ...	45	43	...	2	3	...
Total ...	2674	2062	104	508	79	76

24. *Rain Fall.*—The total rain-fall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 132·80 against 152·01 in the previous year.

25. *Crops and Condition of the people.*—The following table shows the the outturn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-divisions of the State during the year under report :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder	11 annas.	10 annas.
Tufangunj	12 "	10 "
Dinhata	12 "	12 "
Mathabhanga	10 "	8 "
Mekligunj	14 "	12 "

The price of common rice ranged between Rs. 6 to Rs. 7 per maund during the year.

The area of land under jute cultivation during the year was 32000 acres against 29208 in the previous year. The outturn of the crop was estimated to be 14 annas. The cultivators could not derive much benefit from the crop owing to the low market price. The outturn of tobacco and mustard seed was normal.

26. *Public health.*—The Statement of Epidemic diseases submitted by the Superintendent of Police is given below :—

Names of Police Stations and Out Posts.	Remaining from the previous year	Number attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
		Cholera.			
Kotwali ...	9	1713	1474	247	1
Tufangunj ...	.....	229	196	33	.....
Dinhata ...	3	735	511	227	.....
Sitai ...	.....	124	102	22	.....
Mathabhanga ...	1	1418	1258	161	.....
Shitalkhuchi ...	11	221	192	40	.....
Haldibari ...	.....	35	19	16	.....
Mekligunj ...	.....	59	52	7	.....
Total ...	24	4534	3804	753	1
		Small-pox.			
Kotwali ...	35	384	76	335	8
Tufangunj ...	.....	130	16	95	19
Dinhata ...	96	827	137	779	7
Sitai ...	7	158	37	128	.....
Mathabhanga ...	.....	53	10	43	.....
Shitalkhuchi ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haldibari ...	1	21	4	9	9
Mekligunj ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Total ...	139	1575	280	1391	43
		Cattle Diseases.			
Kotwali ...	.....	8	6	2	.....
Tufangunj ...	.....	57	31	26	.....
Dinhata ...	7	43	43	7	.....
Sitai ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mathabhanga ...	.....	106	4	102	.....
Shitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haldibari ...	.....	6	6	.....	.....
Mekligunj ...	.....	6	6	.....	.....
Total ...	7	226	96	137	.....

Small-pox and cholera prevailed in an epidemic form during the year in many parts of the State becoming virulent during May and June. The health of the people otherwise was generally good.

27. *Cattle disease.*—226 cases of cattle disease were reported during the year against 916 of the previous year. With 7 cases pending from the last year there were 233 cases to be accounted for. Of these, 96 died and 137 recovered. Prompt steps were taken by the Veterinary Surgeons where necessary.

28. *Unnatural deaths.*—There were 153 cases of unnatural death during the year against 180 in the previous year. The details are given below :—

Names of Police Stations and Out-posts.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	Fall from building etc.	By wild animals.	Other causes.	Total.
Kotwali P. S. ..	6	18	2	.....	9	.....	35
Tufangunj ,, ...	4	15	7	.....	2	1	29
Dinhata ,, ...	7	15	5	.....	6	.....	33
Sitai Out-post ...	.. ...	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3
Mathabhanga P. S. ...	.....	13	10	.....	1	1	25
Sitalkhuchi Out-post ...	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	11
Haldibari P. S. ...	.....	4	2	.....	.....	... ..	6
Meklignnj ,, ...	.....	4	6	.....	1	.....	11
Total ...	17	77	38	.....	19	2	153

29. *Tours of Officers.*—The Fouzdari Ahilkar was on tour for 24 days and spent 16 nights away from Head-quarters. All the Sub-divisions including the Haldibari Police Station were inspected by him during the year.

The following Statement shows the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars :—

Names of Officers.	No. of days.	No. of nights.	Remarks.
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	100	31	
DINHATA.			
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar ...	47	26	
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar	14	4	
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar ...	40	24	
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	10	.....	
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar	76	36	
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar	7	1	

30. *Conduct of the Police :—*

Sudder.—There was no case against the Police during the year under report.

The Government of Bengal are holding a Commission of Inquiry on the Superintendent of Police Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha, for alleged misdemeanours.

Tufangunj.—One case was instituted against the Police during the year against 2 in the previous year. This case was withdrawn by the complainant and it was dismissed under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code.

Dinhata.—There were 2 cases against the Police, one of which was compromised and the other is pending.

Mathabhanga.—Three cases were instituted against the Police during the year under report. Of these 3 cases, one ended in conviction and 2 cases were dismissed under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code.

Mekligunj.—No case was instituted against the Police during the year against one in the previous year.

Under Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha, the Superintendent of Police, the whole morale and discipline of the Police Force has seriously declined, and the conduct of several Police officers is pending inquiry until the the decision of the Commission of Inquiry against Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha is known.

31. *Anti-rabic Treatment*—Five persons were sent to the Calcutta Pasteur Institute for anti-rabic treatment from the State during the year under report. The treatment of all the patients sent was reported to be successful.

32 *Conduct of Officers.*—All the Officers of the Criminal Department discharged their duties satisfactorily.

II.—POLICE.

33. *Charge.*—Srijut Aswini Coomer Guha, Superintendent of Police, held charge of the Department except for a period of four months, from 1st December, 1928, to 31st March, 1929, when he was absent on leave and Srijut Debendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Senior Inspector of Police, remained in charge of the office.

34. *The Enlistment and disposition of the Force :—*

(*a*) No cadets were taken in the cadre of Sub-Inspectors during the year under report. Of the two cadets enlisted in 1927, Sub-Inspector Anath Bandhu Das was discharged from the Force on the 4th September, 1928. Cadet Sub-Inspector Ashutosh Chakravarti is still on probation.

(*b*) The number of Constables recruited during the year to fill up vacancies and casualties caused by death, retirement and removal, was 28, of whom 22 were Hindus (6 Bengalees and 16 up-country-men), 2 Mahomedans (1 up-country and 1 local man) and 4 Gurkhas.

Three matriculated candidates were appointed as Writer Constables during the year under report.

(*c*) On the 31st March, 1929, the total strength of the Force was :—

(i) 2 Inspectors, of whom one was officiating as Superintendent of Police.
(ii) 13 Sub-Inspectors, of whom one was officiating as Inspector of Police.
(iii) 1 Senior Subadar.
(iv) 1 Junior Subadar.
(v) 10 Assistant Sub-Inspectors, two of whom were officiating as Sub-Inspectors.
(vi) 7 Writer Head Constables, of whom 5 were officiating as Assistant Sub-Inspectors.
(vii) 8 Head Constables (Havilders), including the Fire-Brigade Headman.
(viii) 246 Constables, including 18 Writer Constables, of whom 4 were officiating as Writer Head Constables and 3 as Head Constables.

(*d*) 203 Constables were employed in Thanas, Courts and Treasury Guards, on Patrol and Crime Centres and on miscellaneous duties at the close of the year leaving, 28 Constables in the Reserve Force. 13 men were on leave, 1 sick in Hospital and 1 under suspension.

(*e*) Of the total Force 5·9 per cent were Cooch Beharis (bonafide and domiciled) and 94·05 per cent non-Cooch Beharis.

35. *Cost.*—(*a*) The original budget provision for the year was Rs. 98,878 against Rs. 1,06,683 in the previous year and the revised provision was Rs. 1,07,891. The total expenditure was Rs. 1,09,337 against Rs. 1,06,893 in the previous year.

(*b*) *Buildings.*—The budget provision of Rs. 3,000 for repairs to the Police Buildings in the Public Works Department Budget was transferred to this Department and all repairs were executed departmentally.

36. *Cognizable Cases.*—The number of cognizable cases taken up by the Police during the year was 1368 against 1367 in the previous year. 93 cases were shown pending at the close of the previous year. Of these 93 cases, 3 petition cases were shown pending and 1 case was not shown pending last year through mistake. Thus with 91 cases of the previous year, there were altogether 1459 cases to be dealt with by the Police. 432 cases were sent up for trial, 523 cases were returned as true and 39 cases reported to be intentionally false and 64 false due to mistake of Law or fact or non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 309 cases and 92 cases remained pending at the close of the year either with the Police or with Magistrates.

37. *The proportion of Police to population and Crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of Police employed on purely police works (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last two years:—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1927-28	131	5,92,489	1,367	1 to 4522·74	1 to 10·43	1 to 433·42
1928-29	135	5,92,489	1,368	1 to 4388·8	1 to 10·13	1 to 529·95

38. *Proportion of Cognizable Crime to population and Crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of cognizable cases to population and area in the 5 Sub-divisions in the State:—

Details	Names of Sub-divisions.					
	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...	284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population	1,32,334	82,933	1,43,183	1,41,367	87,642	5,92,489
Pending at the beginning of the year. ...	16	8	23	22	22	91
Reported during the year. ...	371	115	435	262	185	1,368
Disposed of during the year. ...	365	110	433	265	194	1,367
Pending at the end of the year. ...	22	13	25	19	13	92
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.	1 to 356·6	1 to 721·4	1 to 332·1	1 to 539·5	1 to 473·7	.....
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.	1 to ·76	1 to 1·9	1 to ·61	1 to 1·2	1 to 1·03	.....

39. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which charge sheets and final report forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 1058. Of these 103 cases or 9·7 per cent were declared false.

There were 6 prosecutions for bringing false cases against the same number during the preceding year, 2 of which ended in conviction and 4 in acquittal.

40. *Cases not enquired into.*—The statement below shows the percentag of cases not investigated under Section 157 (*b*), Criminal Procedure Cod during the year under report:—

	Years.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.
Number of cases	1367	1368
Do. not enquired into	308	309
Percentage	22·5	22·5

41. *Petition cases.*—Thirty-six cognizable cases instituted on complaint were referred to the Police for investigation during the year under report a against 16 cases in the previous year and were disposed of as follows:—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheet forms	10
True (not detected)	6
Non-cognizable, (mistake of fact or law)	9
False	10
Withdrawn	...
Pending	1

Out of 10 false cases, complainants of 6 cases were sent up for tria of which 4 were acquitted and 2 convicted.

42. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shows th amount of property stolen and recovered during the last 2 years:—

	Years.		
	1927-28.	1928-29.	
	Rs.	Rs.	
Amount of property stolen	52,858	49,907	5
Ditto recovered	5,779	3,329	2
Percentage ...	10·9	14·9	

43. *Percentage of Conviction.*—The following table shows the result o trial of persons sent up by the Police in cognizable cases:—

	Years.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.
Total number of persons	740	622
Acquitted or discharged	138	97
Convicted	448	461
Otherwise disposed of	.....	...
Pending trial	42	64
Percentage of conviction	60·5	70·9

44. *Remands in Police Cases.*—The statement below shows the cases which underwent the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates against each :—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF Charge sheet.	DATE OF Final order.	Duration of trial. Y. M. D.	Order.
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta ..	5	15 of April, 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	20-4-28	19-11-28	0 6 18	Convicted.
Ditto	3	7 of May 1928, Sec. 411 I.P.C.	17-5-28	14-6-28	0 0 28	Do.
,, Siddheswar Banerji ..	3	24 of May 1928, Sec. 325 I.P.C.	21-6-28	5-9-28	0 2 12	Acquitted.
,, Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta ...	3	2 of June 1928, Sec. 380 I.P.C.	12-7-28	13-8-28	0 0 26	Convicted.
Ditto	4	13 of July 1928, Sec. 326 I.P.C.	23-8-28	19-9-29	0 0 27	Do.
,, Himadriballabh Biswas ..	5	3 of August 1928, Sec. 304A I.P.C.	18-8-28	22-9-28	0 1 5	Do.
Ditto	4	18 of Sept. 1928, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	22-9-28	7-11-28	0 1 15	Do.
Ditto	6	12 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 381 I.P.C.	26-10-28	22-12-28	0 1 26	Do.
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan ..	10	16 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 379, I.P.C.	27-10-28	22-12-28	0 1 25	Acquitted.
Srijut Himadriballabh Biswas ..	8	6 of Nov. 1928, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	15-11-28	22-1-29	0 2 7	Convicted.
Ditto	8	16 of Nov. 1928, Sec. 324 I.P.C.	13-12-28	18-2-29	0 2 6	Do.
,, Siddheswar Banerjee .	12	3 of December 1928, Sec. 354 I.P.C.	8-12-28	18-2-29	0 2 11	Acquitted.
,, Himadriballabh Biswas ..	9	10 of Dec. 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	27-12-28	28-2-29	0 2 0	Do.
Ditto	10	12 of Dec. 1928, Sec. 324 I.P.C.	31-12-28	Pending.	....	....
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal ..	4	1 of May 1928, Sec. 337 I.P.C.	20-5-28	21-8-28	0 3 5	Convicted.
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen ...	8	3 of May 1928, Sec. 325 I.P.C.	12-5-28	17-9-28	0 3 29	Do.
Ditto	9	4 of May 1928, Sec. 147 I. P. C.	10-6-28	3-9-28	0 2 23	Do.
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal ..	8	7 of June 1928, Sec, 147 I. P. C.	15-8-28	15-11-28	0 3 0	Do.
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen ...	7	2 of June 1928, sec. 147 I. P. C.	30-7-28	29-9-28	0 2 0	Do.
Ditto	6	4 of October 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	7-11-28	17-12-28	0 1 10	Acquitted.
,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji	18	3 of Dec. 1927, Secs. 148, 379 I. P. C.	10-1-28	22-9-28	0 8 13	Convicted.
Ditto	12	4 of Jan. 1928, Secs. 457, 380, 324 I. P. C.	13-2-28	26-6-28	0 4 14	Do.
Ditto	5	3 of April 1928, Sec. 411 I. P. C.	1-5-28	23-6-28	0 1 22	Do.
Ditto	5	2 of Aug. 1928, Secs. 457, 380, 379 I.P.C.	19-8-28	24-9-28	0 1 6	Do.
Ditto	13	5 of Aug. 1928, Sec. 456 I.P.C.	9-11-28	28-3-29	0 4 20	Do.
Ditto	8	5 of Aug. 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	16-9-28	6-12-28	0 2 21	Acquitted.
Ditto	10	5 of Sept. 1928, Sec. 323 I.P.C.	25-9-28	2-1-29	0 3 15	Convicted.
Ditto	6	9 of Sept. 1928, Sec. 302 I.P.C.	29-10-28	22-12-28	0 1 14	Do.
Ditto	11	9 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 411 I. P. C.	12-11-28	28-3-29	0 4 17	Do.
Nirmal Chandra Mustafi ..	11	3 of April 1928, Sec. 420 I. P. C.	23-4-28	16-6-28	0 1 24	Do.
Ditto	7	10 of May 1928, Secs. 457, 380 I P. C.	4-6 28	1-9-28	0 2 28	Do.
Ditto	5	7 of June 1928, Secs. 354, 379 I. P. C.	21-6-28	8-8-28	0 1 18	Do.
Ditto . ..	5	8 of June 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	26-6-28	4-8-28	0 1 9	Do.
Ditto	5	2 of August 1928. Sec. 428 I. P. C.	9-8-28	29-9-28	0 1 22	Do.
Ditto	5	1 of September 1928, Sec. 447 I. P. C	10-11-28	5-1-29	0 1 26	Do.
Ditto	5	1 of January 1929, sec. 411 I. P C	14-1-29	21-2-29	0 1 7	Acquitted.
,, Nagendra Nath Roy ..	5	7 of May 1928, Sec. 411 I P.C.	20-5-28	21-9-28	0 4 11	Convicted.
Ditto	4	14 of May 1928, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	26-5-28	14-6-28	0 0 19	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta ...	7	23 of June 1928, Sec. 380 I.P.C.	17-7-28	17.9.28	0 2 2	Do.
,, Nagendra Nath Roy ..	7	8 of June 1928, Secs. 324, 326 I.P.C.	13-7-28	31-8-28	0 1 17	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta ..	13	2 of July 1928, Secs. 147, 379 I.P.C.	22-7-28	23-9-28	0 2 3	Do.
,, Nagendra Nath Roy ..	5	14 of August 1928, Sec. 325 I.P.C.	30-8-28	19-10-28	0 1 13	Committed to Sessions.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta ..	8	3 of August 1928, Sec. 147 I.P.C.	7-9-28	28-1-29	0 4 12	Convicted.
,, Nagendra Nath Roy ..	8	6 of Sept. 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	29-9-28	23-11-28	0 1 25	Do.
Ditto	8	6 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 392 I.P.C.	14-11-28	23-1-29	0 2 10	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta ..	7	11 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	12-11-28	26-1-29	0 2 14	Acquitted.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta and Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy.	17	19 of Oct. 1928, Sec. 407 I.P.C.	29-10-28	3-3-29	0 4 10	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta and Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen.	10	9 of Nov. 1928, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	10-11-28	18-2-29	0 3 10	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta ..	10	16 of Nov. 1928, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	25-11-28	5-1-29	0 1 14	Do.

45. *Conviction.*—Below is a comparative statement of the percentage of convictions in cases and persons in Police *suo motu* cases for the year under report as compared with the figures for the preceding year:—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1927-28.		1928-29.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder ...	42·9	84·8	29·9	73·3
2. Tufangunj ...	8·5	15·7	13·09	47·5
3. Dinhata ...	29·09	64·2	30·3	53·6
4. Mathabhanga ...	12·6	34·2	13·3	41·6
5. Mekligunj ...	32·5	58·8	16·6	35·4
For the whole State	28·1	62·2	26·7	56·1

46. *Vagrancy and Bad Characters.*—19 persons in 9 cases were run down during the year under the preventive sections 109 and 110 Criminal Procedure Code against 11 persons in 6 cases in the preceding year. 9 men were bound down and 5 acquitted. 2 cases with 5 persons remained pending at the close of the year.

47. *Arms Act.*—365 licenses were issued during the year under report against 312 in the preceding year.

There were 2 cases instituted under this head during the year under review; both of which ended in conviction.

48. *Investigation of cases by the Police.*—The following is an analysis of the investigation made by the Police Officers:—

	Years.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.
Inspectors ,, ...	0	2
Sub-Inspectors ,, ...	464	489
Assistant Sub-Inspectors	201	236
Writer Head Constables	77	68
Total	742	795

49. *Absconders.*—The following is a statement of absconders:—

	Years.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.
Number of absconded offenders	39	35
Number entered during the year ...	4	16
Number who gave themselves up ...	1	...
Number arrested	2	5
Number struck off or died	5	7
Number remaining at large at the close of the year	35	39

The absconders were periodically enquired into by the local officers and simultaneous drives were arranged as in previous years in co-operation with the Police of other districts where their relatives were traced.

50. *Rewards and Punishments.*—The following table shows the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last two years:—

RANK.	REWARDS.				PUNISHMENTS.											
					Judicial.				*Departmental.*							
	1927-1928.		1928-1929.		1927-1928.		1928-1929.		1927-1928.				1928-1929.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.
		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.				Rs.		
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	7	182	11	105		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Assistant Sub-Inspectors ...	7	44	6	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Writer Head-constables and Head-constables.	2	10	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	11	4	...
Constables	5	14	18	55	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	9	25	2	...

51. *Escort.*—Treasure amounting to Rs. 41,49,546-0-3 belonging to both the Government and the State was escorted by the State Police during the year as against Rs. 45,16,780-8 in the previous year.

The number of prisoners escorted under Police escort during the year was 290 against 1507 in the previous year.

52. *Drill and Target Practice.*—Regular Drill and Musketry practices were held for the Head-quarters Force.

On Mondays and Fridays all available officers and men at Head-quarters fell in with the Force as in previous years.

The Town Police (Chowkidars) continued to take part on 2 days in the week and joined route marches.

No Target practice was held during the year under report.

53. *Casualities, Retirement.*—No officer or men retired from service during the year under report.

Six Constables died during the year under review as against 2 officers and 5 men in the preceding year.

54. *Health of the Force.*—

(*i*) The health of the Force was generally good.

(*ii*) The daily average of sick in Hospital was 3·97 being the same as in the preceding year.

55. *Good Conduct Allowance.*—At the close of the year under report 28 men were drawing Good Conduct Allowance at Re. 1 each per month.

56. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of 2 Jamadars and 30 Chowkidars.

Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga had 6, 7 & 6 Chowkidars respectively, during the year.

The work of the Town Police was on the whole satisfactory.

57. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees had 139 (Electric 90, Kerosine 49), 42, 43 and 34 street lamps respectively and their maintenance charge amounted to Rs. 4,899.

58. *Rural Police.*—The following table shows the rewards paid to, and fines realised from, Village Chowkidars during the year 1928-29 as compared with the year preceding:—

		1927-28.	1928-29.
A. CASE WORK ...	No. of Chowkidars ...	3	5
	Amount of Rewards ...	Rs. 30	Rs. 42
B. GRATUITY ...	No. of Chowkidars ...	13	4
	Amount of Gratuity ...	Rs. 267	Rs. 88
C. Total Amount of fines realised ...		... 1,855	1,555

59. *Inspection.*—A statement of Inspection is given below:—

Names of Police Stations.	Number of times inspected. By the Fouzdari Ahilkar.	By the Superintendent of Police.	By Divisional Inspector of Police.
Police Station Kotwali ...	2	...	1
Do. Dinhata ...	...	...	2
Do. Tufangunj ...	1	...	1
Do. Mathabhanga ...	1	1	1
Do. Mekligunj ...	1	...	2
Do. Haldibari ...	1	1	2
Out-Post Sitalkhuchi ...	...	...	3
Do. Sitai ...	...	...	1

60. *Finger Prints.*—16 Finger impressions of under-trial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaus. In 6 cases identity was established.

61. *Emigration and Immigration.*—3 persons emigrated from, and 97 persons immigrated into, the State against 22 and 139 persons, respectively, in the preceding year.

62. *Miscellaneous Duties.*—The following table shows the number of orders the Police had to execute besides their legitimate duties:—

	Number of orders.
Chowkidari work	429
Work in connection with the Pound	50
Epidemic	20
Settlement	87
Miscellaneous work of Naib Ahilkars other than case works ...	31
	617

63. *Commendation of Officers.*—Nil.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

64. *Charge.*—The administrative charge of the Jail was held by Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, throughout the year. Civil Surgeon Dr. Dineshananda Chakrabarti was the Medical Officer of the Jail for the whole year.

65. *Jail Buildings.*—The construction of the quarters for the Clerk and the Store-keeper was completed during the year under report. The Public Works Department, as usual, carried out the annual repairs to the Jail buildings borne in their book. The Jail Department repaired the *kutcha* buildings and quarters of the Jail staff.

66. *Jail Population.*—There were 88 prisoners of all classes in the Jail at the beginning of the year of whom 81 were convicts, 6 undertrials and 1 Civil prisoner. 340 prisoners of all classes were admitted and 328 discharged during the year leaving 90 prisoners at the end of the year. The daily average was 97·83 against 204·61 in the previous year.

67. *Convicts.*—The year began with a population of 81 convicts in the Jail 85 convicts were admitted from the local courts including 19 readmissions, 97 sent from the Sub-Jails of the State, while 2 were received from the Presidency Jail, of whom 1 was an escaped prisoner who escaped from Sudder Jail in September 1919 and was recaptured in Government District. The total admissions were 184 and the total number of convicts to be dealt with was 265. There were 183 discharges as shown below leaving 82 convicts.

Details of Discharges.

On expiry of sentence	95
Under Remission system	21
On bail and appeal	59
Transferred to Sub-Jails	1
On payment of fine	4
On medical ground	2
Died	1
Total ...	183

One convict was sent to Dinhata Sub-Jail to give evidence. Two convicts were released during the year on medical grounds, both of them were suffering from Tuberculosis. There was no escape during the year.

The daily average of convicts was 87·65 against 91·42 in the previous year.

Excluding the 19 readmissions, the total number of actual admissions were 165, of whom 146 were natives of the State and 19 outsiders, the percentage being 88·48 and 11·51 respectively, against 80·34 and 19·65 respectively, in the previous year.

68. *Reconviction.*—Seven old offenders were admitted into the Jail during the year as compared with 5 in the previous year. Of these, 4 were natives of the State and 3 foreigners. Two were reconvicted at the Sudder and 5 at the Sub-divisional courts.

69. *Religion.*—The following statement shows the religions of the convicts admitted from local courts during the year and their percentage to the Jail population as compared with the figures of the previous 2 years.

	Description.	Years.		
		1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.
Admissions.—	Hindus	38	23	39
	Mahomedans	40	23	25
	Other denominations	...	1	2
Percentages.—	Hindus	48·71	48·93	59·09
	Mahomedans	51·27	48·93	37·87
	Other denominations	...	2·12	3·03

70. *Length of Sentences.*—The following table shows the length of sentences passed by the Sudder courts on convicts admitted during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

Description.	1927-28.		1928-29.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month	7	14·89	13	19·69
Above one month and not exceeding 3 months.	21	44·68	15	22·72
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	3	6·38	21	31·81
Above 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	6	12·76	12	18·18
Above one year and not exceeding 2 years	2	4·25	3	4·54
Above 2 years and not exceeding 5 years	3	6·38	2	3·03
Above 5 years and not exceeding 10 years	5	10·63	...	...
Transportation for life	...	...	...	...

There were no prisoners sentenced to transportation for life during the year.

71. *Female Convicts*.—There were 2 female convicts in the Jail at the beginning of the year and 3 were admitted during the year. All the 5 were released leaving none at the close of the year.

The daily average was 0·37 against 0·08 in the previous year.

The female prisoners were accommodated in a separate pucca enclosure inside the Jail, having a latrine and a water reservoir for their use. Cooked food was supplied to them from the general kitchen.

72. *Juvenile Offenders*.—Three juvenile offenders under the age of 16 years were admitted into the Jail during the year against 2 in the previou year. All of them were convicted under Section 379 Indian Penal Code and one was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 3 months, one for 1 month and one for 21 days.

73. *Transportation prisoners*.—There were 7 life-convicts in the Jail at the beginning of the year of whom two were released, leaving 5 in the Jail at the close of the year. No transportation prisoner was admitted into the Jail during the year.

74. *Remission System*.—Twenty-one convicts were released during the year under the Remission System against 23 in the previous year. The maximum period of remission earned by a convict who was a life-convict was 3 years, 6 months and 5 days.

75. *Offences and punishments*.—The following table shows the Jail offences committed by, and the punishments awarded to, convicts during the year as compared with those of the previous year:—

Description.	1927-28.	1928-29.
OFFENCES.—		
Criminal offence	...	...
Offences relating to work	25	18
" " to forbidden articles	25	18
" " to assault &c.	1	...
" " to breaches of Jail discipline ...	43	8
" " to escape	...	...
" " to attempt at escape	...	...
Total ...	94	44
PUNISHMENTS.—		
Corporal punishment	...	...
Forfeiture of remissions	18	10
Degradation from higher to lower grade	6	1
Hand-cuffing to staple	1	1
Night hand-cuffs	5	6
Cross bar fetters	...	...
Penal diet	...	...
Changes of labour	2	1
Gunny clothing	6	2
Solitary cell.	5	2
Judicially punished	...	...
Heavy fetters	11	1
Warnings	40	20
Total ...	94	44

There was no escape and no cases of offence judicially punished during the year.

76. *Undertrial Prisoners*.—There were 6 undertrial prisoners in the Jail at the beginning of the year. 81 were admitted from the local courts, 49 were sent from the Sub-Jails and 14 were readmitted after rejection of bail. The total admission of undertrial prisoners was thus 144. Including the 6 undertrials remaining at the beginning of the year, there were 150 prisoners in all to be dealt with.

The number disposed of was 144 of whom 32 were convicted, 12 transferred to Sub-Jails of the State, 2 transferred to British Jails under Extradition warrants, 56 released on bails, 10 on P. R. bond and 32 acquitted. Six undertrial prisoners were left in the Jail at the close of the year.

The average detention of undertrial prisoners was 22·09 against 33·18 in the previous year.

The maximum and minimum period of detention in Sessions and Magistrates' cases are given below :—

Description.	1927-28.		1928-29.	
	Maximum days.	Minimum days.	Maximum days.	Minimum days.
Sessions cases	111	46	76	15
Magistrates' cases ...	73	1	214	1

The following table shows the average periods of detention of undertrial prisoners confined in the Sudder Jail and tried in the different courts of the State :—

		Days.
1.	Sessions Court	40·37
2.	Fouzdari Ahilkar	25·18
3.	Treasury Officer (S. Banerjee)	11·00
4.	Settlement Naib Ahilkar (H. Biswas) ...	23·93
5.	Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar (L. M. Buxi) ...	16·00
6.	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	7·66
7.	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	28·00
8.	Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguuj	5 00
9.	Naib Ahilkar, Tufanguuj	26·16

Excluding the 14 readmissions the total admissions of undertrial prisoners were 130. Of these 98 were natives of the State, (56 being Hindus and 42 Mahomedans) and 32 foreigners, (16 being Hindus, 13 Mahomedans and 3 of other denominations.)

The percentage of convictions and release amongst undertrial prisoners are given below as compared with the figures of the previous 2 years:—

Description.	Years.		
	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.
Number of undertrial prisoners whose cases were disposed of	89	81	74
Number of undertrial prisoners convicted ...	57	46	22
Number of undertrial prisoners acquitted & discharged	32	35	42
Percentage of conviction	64·05	56·79	43·24
Percentage of release	35·95	43·21	56·75

77. *Civil Prisoners.*—There was one civil prisoner in the Jail at the beginning of the year. 9 were admitted from the Sudder courts and 1 from the Dinhata Sub-Jail making a total of 11 civil prisoners, of whom 9 were released leaving 2 at the close of the year.

The daily average was 1·46 against 1·19 in the previous year.

78. *Lunatics.*—There were 3 criminal lunatics at the beginning of the year. Of these one was subsequently reported by the Civil Surgeon as fit to stand his trial and was convicted and sentenced. Two remained at the close of the year.

Recovered criminal lunatic Tullu Das was under medical observation throughout the year. No relapse of insanity appeared during the year.

79. *Employment of prisoners.*—The average number of convict officers employed during the year was 9·13 as compared with 12·77 in the previous year. They were, as usual, employed in carrying stores to and from the Jail and as watchmen over ordinary prisoners. Only one convict officer was punished during the year against 4 in the previous year.

Convicts were employed on :—

(1.) Oil pressing.
(2.) Crushing grains for making crushed food.
(3.) Making Ærated water.
(4.) Weaving (Cloth and Durries).
(5.) Gardening.
(6.) Bamboo works.
(7.) Wheat grinding.

They were also employed in the State Rice Mill as well as in ordinary Jail duties and repairs to Jail buildings which were not under the Public Works Department and in residential quarters.

The daily average number of convicts was 87·65. Of these 6·08 were sick and under medical observation, 1·11 were not employed for special reasons and 80·46 were employed on different works as shown in the following comparative table for 2 years :—

Description.	Year 1927-28.	Year 1928-29.
1. Jail servants including convict officers and others employed for Jail purposes	32·98	24·04
2. Repairs to Jail	3·93	4·33
3. The Palace and its gardens ...	3·76	3·73
4. Working on hire	1·24	0·26
5. Jail garden	7·08	6·75
6. Jail manufactures	19·64	18·76
7. The Residential quarters	2·39	7·29
8. State Rice-mills	15·09	15·30
Total ...	86·11	80·46

80. *Manufactory result.*—The following table shows the result of th manufactory operations carried on during the year :—

	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Debits.—			
Cash in hand at the end of the previous year	.....		
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the previous year	188	7	3
Value of raw materials in hand	4,608	8	6
Value of plants and machinery in hand	829	8	6
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	1	8	0
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the previous year	647	14	9
Amount drawn from Treasury	5,330	4	3
Total Debits	11,606	3	3
Credits.—			
Cash in hand at the end of the year	11	3	3
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the year	416	12	0
Value of raw materials in hand at the end of the year ...	1,481	6	0
Value of plants and machinery in hand at the end of the year	767	15	6
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the previous year	53	13	9
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year	302	1	13
Amount paid into the Treasury	11,263	4	9
Total Credits ...	14,297	2	6
Difference or profit ...	2,690	14	3
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour...	30	12	0
Do. Do. employed on manufacture including garden and extra-mural labour ...	104	15	9

The profit of the year was Rs. 2,690-14-3 against Rs. 1,635-6-11 in the previous year.

Free convict labour was supplied for the State Rice Mill as before. In aggregate 3521 convicts were employed in the Mill on week days and 491 on Sundays. Besides these 671 convict officers were employed during the year. The hire of those convicts at -/6/-annas per head amounts to Rs. 1,320-6 for weekdays, Rs. 184-2 for Sundays and Rs. 251-10 for convict officers *i. e.*, a total of Rs. 1,756-2. The wages on account of free labour of convicts supplied to the Palace and Residential quarters amount to Rs. 428-4 and Rs. 836-10 respectively. Taking all these into consideration, the profit of the year amounts to Rs. 5,711-14-3.

The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 302-11-3 against Rs. 647-14-9 in the previous year.

81. *Jail Industries.*—The results of the principal industries carried on in the Jail during the year are shown below :—

Crushed Food.—The total sale of crushed food was Rs. 3,076-14 against Rs. 4,132-7 in the previous year. There was a profit of Rs. 305-15 derived from this industry during the year against a loss of Rs. 810-13 in the previous year.

Oil Pressing.—356 maunds, 6 seers of mustard seeds and 10 maunds, 27 seers, 6 chhattaks of Til seeds were pressed in the timber brand mills of the Jail during the year yielding 110 maunds, 23 seers, 13 chhattaks of oil and 240 maunds, 22 seers, 12 chhattaks of oilcake as compared with 278 maunds, 10 seers, 8chhattaks of mustard seeds and 8 maunds, 10 seers, 8 chhattaks of Til seeds yielding an outturn of 85 maunds and 8½ chhattaks of oil and 182 maunds, 15 seers, 12 chhattaks of oilcake in the previous year. The profit from this industry was Rs. 936-10-6 against Rs. 701-13-1 in the previous year.

Aerated Waters.—8166 bottles of Soda water and 3872 bottles of Lemonade were manufactured and sold during the year to the value of Rs. 505 against Rs. 792 in the previous year. Thorough repairs of 3 Soda Water machines cost Rs. 185, which accounts for a decrease in the amount of profit.

Dal and wheat grinding.—The total quantity of wheat ground during the year was 42 maunds 12 seers 12 chhattaks yielding an outturn of 34 maunds, 14 seers, 8 chhattaks of Atta and 7 maunds, 1 seer, 13 chhattaks of Bhushi. In the previous year there were 33 maunds, 5 seers, 3½ chhattaks of Atta and 9 maunds, 5 seers, 12 chhattaks of Bhushi, the outturn of 43 maunds, 38 seers, 12 chhattaks of wheat ground. Convicts not being available, Dâl was not manufactured during the year. There was a profit of Rs. 146-9-6 against Rs. 113-2-3 in the previous year.

Weaving and Tailoring.—This industry is maintained for preparing Durree, Ashon and Bed-sheet etc. for sale and Dosuti cloth for making prisoners' clothing by Jail labour in the Tailoring branch. The profit in this industry was Rs. 437-1-3 against Rs. 547-11-4 in the previous year. The decrease was due to the decrease in sale.

Jute works.—This industry is maintained for twisting jute string and weaving gunny cloth for sale and making Tat bedding for prisoners. There was a sale of 1 maund, 11 seers, 8 chhattaks of jute string and 29 thans of gunny cloth to the value of Rs. 348-10 during the year against 4 maunds, 18 seers of jute string and 22 thans of gunny cloth to the value of Rs. 309-4-6 in the previous year, showing a profit of Rs. 192-11-3 and Rs. 145-5-6 respectively.

Gardening.—The profit under this head was Rs. 586-2 against Rs. 469-2-9 in the previous year showing an increase of about Rs. 117. The above figures include Rs. 230-3-6 and Rs. 215-8-8 respectively, for the 2 years as the sale proceeds of date juice.

The following table shows the number of convicts employed in the different industries as compared with those in the previous year:—

Industry.	Years. 1927-28.	1928-29.
Weaving	2235	1921
Oil pressing	1558	2105
Crushed food	570	310
Wheat grinding	566	368
Aerated water	449	306
Jute work	426	371
Gardening	2160	2161
Hire of convicts	380	136
Miscellaneous manufacture (Panfoo works, smithy, carpentry, washing etc.	190	221
Total ...	8534	7899

82. *Earning.*—The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are given below calculated at the rate of 6 annas as wages of each prisoner per diem together with the figures of the previous year:—

Discription.	Years. 1927-28. Rs.	A.	P.	1928-29. Rs.	A.	P.
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed for preparing articles for Jail	3,735	0	0	2,943	6	0
Prisoners employed on Jail repairs ...	450	6	0	453	2	0
Do. do. in the Palace and its garden	414	12	0	428	4	0
Do. hired out	142	8	0	30	0	0
Do. employed in Jail garden ...	810	0	0	739	8	0
Do. do. in Jail manufacture ...	2,247	6	0	2,141	10	0
Do. do. in the State Rice Mill ...	1,726	8	0	1,320	6	0
Do. do. do. do. on Sundays	.....			184	2	0
Convict officers employed in do. ...	.....			251	10	0
Prisoners employed in residential quarters...	186	12	0	836	10	0
Do. do. in Police Parade ground	86	10	0	.....		
Total ...	9,799	14	0	9,368	10	0

83. *Cost.*—The following table shows the gross and net cost of the Jail and the average cost per prisoner for maintenance as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

Heads of charges.	Years. 1927-28. Rs.	As.	P.	1928-29. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	75,69	8	5	7,324	12	4
Feeding charges	7,294	10	6	7,840	15	0
Contingencies including Hospital charges	2,100	5	9	2,381	13	6
Clothing and bedding	2,492	1	0	2,396	11	6
Building and repairs	707	10	3	689	8	9
Travelling allowance	20	8	0	19	2	0
Total	20,184	11	11	20,649	15	1
Deduct estimated earning ...	9,799	14	0	9,368	10	0
Net cost	10,384	13	11	11,281	5	1
Average cost of each prisoner ...	194	1	0	211	1	3
Average net cost of each prisoner ...	99	13	6	115	4	11

84. *Price of food stuff.*—The average prices per maund paid for the principal articles of Jail diet as compared with those of the previous year are given below :—

Description.	Years. 1927-28. Rs.	A.	P.	1928-29. Rs.	A.	P.
Rice	6	12	0	6	7	2
Dâl	8	0	7	8	8	8
Attah	8	8	0	10	11	1
Mustard oil	30	0	0	31	3	3
Salt	3	4	4	2	15	2
Meat	25	0	0	25	0	0
Fish	15	9	4	18	9	9
Dahi	7	10	11	8	15	1

85. The average cost per prisoner incurred under the different heads of charges is shown below as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	Years 1927-28. Rs.	As.	P.	1928-29. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	72	12	5	74	13	8
Feeding charges	70	2	1	80	2	4
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	20	3	1	24	5	6
Clothing and bedding	23	15	4	24	7	5
Building and repairs	6	12	10	7	0	9
Travelling allowance.	0	3	2	0	3	1

86. *Hospital.*—16 prisoners were treated as in-door and 484 as out-door patients against 41 and 791, respectively, in the previous year. The daily average of sick prisoners was 1·12 against 0·77 in the previous year.

The principal diseases treated during the year were :—

Name of diseases.	In-door.	Out-door.
Malarial fever	...	131
Dysentery	4	21
Diarrhoea and Dyspepsia	.....	112
Other diseases	12	220
Total ...	16	484

There was one death in the Jail Hospital during the year. The death was due to gangrene.

Water drawn from the masonry well inside the Jail was used throughout the year for drinking purposes. It was boiled and cooled before distribution. The well was regularly disinfected during the year with Permanganate of Potash under the supervision of the medical officer.

87. *Inspection.*—The Jail was visited by the Vice-President on several occasions during the year. The Civil Surgeon and the Fouzdari Ahilkar, who is the officer in charge of the Jail, visited it regularly. The Civil and Sessions Judge also visited it twice during the year.

88. *Religious Instructions.*—The local Resident Minister of the Nababidhan Samaj visited the Jail every Monday and imparted religious and moral instruction to all prisoners. Mahomedan Moulavi held religious service at special Mahomedan festivals for the benefit of the Mahomedan prisoners. The Secretary of the local Swedish Mission visited the Jail once during the Year and delivered religious and moral instructions to all prisoners.

89. *Staff.*—Rai Shaheb Dinobandhu Ghose as Jailor, Srijut Haranath Sarker as Clerk and Srijut Basanta Kumar Chatterjee, as Store-keeper worked in the Jail throughout the year.

90. *Conduct of the Staff.*—All the officers worked satisfactorily.

Statements C., D., E., F., G., H. and I. are appended.

91. *Sub-Jails.*—Twenty-three prisoners remained in the 4 Sub-Jails at the biginning of the year. 513 were admitted and 509 discharged leaving 27 prisoners at the close of the year.

The discharges consisted of 352 releases and 157 transfers. There was no escape from any of the Sub-Jails during the year.

The daily average population was as follows:—

Dinhata	3·94
Mathabhanga	7·97
Mekliganj	5·61
Tufangunj	1·39

92. The following table shows the disposal of prisoners of the 4 Sub-Jails of the State:—

		Names of Sub-jails.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Tufangunj.
Released ...	1927-28	77	107	51	17
	1928-29	97	167	60	28
Transferred	1927-28	45	38	8	36
	1928-29	38	63	25	31
Escaped ...	1927-28	2	...	1	....
	1928-29	...	...	...	...
Died ...	1927-28	...	...	...	...
	1928-29	...	...	...	...

93. The following table shows the gross and average cost as well as the gross earning in the Sub-Jails:—

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No. ...	1927-28 ...	3·27	5.05	3·73	0·66
	1928-29 ...	3·92	7·97	5·61	1·39
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross earnings	1927-28 ...	19 8 6	.....	13 12 0	.....
	1928-29 ...	14 1 0	.....	10 11 9	.....
Gross cost	1927-28 ...	1,295 0 8	1,563 9 11	1,205 8 6	1,157 7 6
	1928-29 ...	1,457 7 3	1,892 14 8	1,641 10 10	1,197 8 4
Average cost	1927-28 ...	390 0 11	309 9 8	346 2 2	1,744 11 1
	1928-29 ...	368 3 3	237 8 3	290 11 8	861 8 2

94. *Inspection.*—All the Sub-Jails were inspected by the Fouzdari Ahilkar, Civil Surgeon of the State and the Naib Ahilkars in charge of their respective Sub-Jails. The Dinhata Sub-Jail was also visited by the Vice-President.

Conduct of Sub-Jail officers was satisfactory.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

95. *Charge.*—Rai Sarada Charan Mitra Bahadur, B. E., State Engineer, was in-charge of the Department throughout the year.

The Report has been divided into the following 4 sections, *viz.*—

I. Public Works Department, including Communications and Palace Works.

II. Contribution Works.

III. Establishment.

IV. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

SECTION I.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

96. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 9,50,395 which was subsequently reduced to Rs. 9,49,648 in the Revised Budget.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 8,96,892 against Rs. 7,14,042 in the previous year. Statement "J" appended will show the details of expenditure under the different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 16,477 against Rs. 9,951 in the previous year. The increase is due to the sale of a large number of roadside trees and old materials of dismantled buildings.

The expenditure under Section 1 has been sub-divided into—

(1) Original Works.

(2) Repairs.

97. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure on Original Works was Rs. 6,40,814 against Rs. 4,48,467 in the previous year.

The important original works executed during the year under report are briefly described below :—

JAIL.

Morgue and Guard House.—A corrugated iron roofed morgue measuring 16′ × 12′ with a 5′ wide verandah in front was constructed at a cost of Rs 2,108 against the budget provision of Rs. 3,250.

The construction of a Guard House was subsequently abandoned as it was found not necessary for the present.

Combined quarters for Clerk and the Store-keeper.—Combined quarters for the Jail Clerk and the Store-keeper of the Sudder Jail with corrugated iron roof on steel trusses, pucca walls and terraced flooring were constructed at a cost of Rs. 12,875 against the provision of Rs. 14,000. Each quarters consisted of 2 bed rooms each measuring 12′ × 12′ with a Baitakkhana 11′ × 11′ in front and a 5 feet wide verandah at the back, one servants' room 8′ × 8′, one kitchen 10′ × 8′ one store room 8′ × 6′, one latrine 4′ × 4′ and a convered platform 5′ × 4′ for bathing purposes.

POLICE.

Pathway, gate and gate-pillars for the Police Barrack.—A metalled pathway in the compound and a temporary wooden culvert over the drain were only constructed at a cost of Rs. 308. The works of a pucca culvert, gate and gate-pillars, originally proposed to be constructed, had to be postponed pending construction of pucca drain in front of the barrack.

Improvement to Police Guard Room.—The existing front verandah of the guard room was renewed with corrugated iron sheets on steel trusses resting on masonry pillars and the back verandah was demolished and rebuilt to the same height as the front wall. The intermediate longitudinal wall was also dismantled to increase the size of the rooms and the terrace roof over jack arch was renewed entirely. A new verandah was also added on the west side of the building and a porch in the centre of the front verandah was put in. The building was remodelled at a total cost of Rs. 14,098 against the budget provision of Rs. 15,426.

Thana building at Dinhata.—A Thana building with corrugated iron roof on steel trusses and pucca walls terraced floor and asbestos ceiling consisting of one office room 20′ × 18′, one Inspector's room 20′ × 12′, one Hazat and Malkhana 20′ × 15′ – 3″ was constructed at a cost of Rs. 6,982 against the budget provision of of Rs. 7,400.

Extension of the Constables' barrack at Dinhata.—The existing Constables' barrack at Dinhata was extended to provide accommodation for the Jail warders. A room 16′ – 3″ × 10′ – 8″ with a verandah 5′ – 1½′ wide was added and a new cook room with pucca walls and corrugated iron roof was put up at a cost of Rs. 2,340 against the budget provision of Rs. 2,400.

Police Barracks at Cooch Behar.—Certain additional works at a cost of Rs. 566 were done to the Police Barracks building at Cooch Behar which was completed in the year before. The total amount spent for this work was Rs. 48,213 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 49,550.

EDUCATIONAL.

Quarters for the Mistresses of Sunity Academy.—A corrugated iron roofed building on pucca walls to provide quarters for four Mistresses was constructed at a cost Rs. 24,077 against the provision of Rs. 24,000.

It consists of 8 rooms, 6 measuring 12′ × 12′ and two 12′ × 10′ – 6″ with a 4 ft. wide passage at the centre.

Each of the quarters has been provided with 2 bed rooms, one cook room 8′ × 8′, one store room 8′ × 6′, one latrine 4′ × 4′ and bathing place 4′ – 9″ × 4′ – 6″. The quarters have been separated by common partition walls.

The entire compound was improved by filling up a tank in front of the quarters and the ground was raised.

Construction of urinals and drains to the Boarding Institution at Mekliguny.—One two-seated urinal for the Boarding Institution and surface drains were constructed at a cost of Rs. 544 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 550.

MEDICAL.

Latrine in the compound of Haldibari Dispensary.—A two-seated pucca latrine in the compound of Haldibari Dispensary was constructed at a cost of Rs. 462 against the provision of Rs. 492.

Construction of a Dispensary at Bamanhat.—The works are in progress. The main building was completed during the year under report. Rs. 6,347 was spent against the budget provision of Rs. 6,474.

Prajabathsal Maharaj Jitendra Narayan Chikitshalaya.—Rs. 33,825 was provided for this work in the Public Works Department Budget in order to meet the balance of the estimate. Further details are given under Contribution Works.

Addition of a verandah for Store and Operation room in the Shitalkhuchi Dispensary.—A corrugated iron roofed verandah for the store and operation room was added to the existing Dispensary building at Shitalkhuchi at a cost of Rs. 979 against the provision of Rs. 960.

JUDICIAL.

New Court House at Dinhata.—A new Court house at Dinhata to the south of the existing Kutchery building was constructed at a cost of Rs. 17,231 against the provision of Rs. 19,700.

The house has got 4 rooms, *viz.*, 2 Ejlash rooms, one 30′ × 22′ and another 20′ × 22′ for the Naib Ahilkar and Additional Naib Ahilkar respectively, one common retiring room 15′ × 14′ and one bath room 15′ × 6′ – 9″ for the use of both the Naib Ahilkars.

The structure has got pucca walls, terraced floor with 1″ artificial stone pavement, jack arched and terraced roof and matches the existing Kutchery building. Both the houses have been connected with a covered passage.

DAK BUNGALOWS.

Reconstruction of Inspection Bungalow at Sitai.—The Inspection Bungalow at Sitai was reconstructed at a cost of Rs. 1,910 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,030.

The building is now being used as a Police Out-post.

MILITARY.

Providing barracks for the Military with kitchen and latrines including raising the compound.—A two-storied pucca building 208′ × 32′ with a continuous verandah in front of both the ground and first floors was constructed at a cost of Rs. 63,727 against the budget provision of Rs. 68,000. The building consists of two main rooms, two side rooms and two bath rooms in each floor.

The kitchens and latrines were not constructed during the year.

Guard room for the Military.—A corrugated iron roofed building with 10″ pucca walls on steel trusses, terraced floor and asbestos ceiling was constructed at a cost of Rs. 12,676 against the budget provision of Rs. 14,000.

RESIDENTIAL.

Construction of Additional Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Sudder.—A building for the Additional Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Sudder was constructed at a cost of Rs. 10,147 against the provision of Rs. 9,500.

The main building consists of 4 rooms, with verandahs both in front and back. One kitchen and other out-houses were provided.

The building has got corrugated iron roofing on steel trusses, asbestos ceiling, pucca walls and terraced floor with artificial stone pavement and masonry compound wall.

Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Dinhata.—The Naib Ahilkar's quarters were constructed at a cost of Rs. 13,648 against the budget provision of Rs. 14,000.

One main building 52′-7″ × 20′-10½″ having 4 bed rooms 14′ × 12′ each and 1 bath room 8′ × 7′ with a 5′ ft. wide verandah inside, a kitchen and other out-houses were provided.

Latrine in the Additional Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhanga.—A single seated pucca latrine was constructed in the Additional Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhanga at a cost of Rs. 296 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 328.

Certain additions and alterations to Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's House.—The following additions and alterations to Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's House were made at a cost of Rs. 19,766 against the provision of Rs. 19,900:—

(1) *Main Building*—Asbestos ceiling has been provided for the whole building, plain sheet walling of the staircase room has been replaced by asbestos sheet walling, fly proof wire netted boxes in doors and windows of the sleeping rooms in 1st floor have been provided and the carraige porch has been paved with Mirzapur stones, besides certain other petty works.

(2) *Kitchen.*—A new pucca kitchen consisting of 3 rooms one kitchen, one coal room and one spare room with tiled verandah in front and south was constructed.

(3) *Godown and Verandah.*—A new addition to the main building with pucca walls, roof and floor comprising one godown room and one opened arched verandah was made.

(4) *Servants' shed.*—An addition of 3 rooms 12′ × 10′ to the existing servants' shed on the east with arched verandah on the north and east sides were made.

(5) *Covered passage.*—Covered passages 3′ wide joining godown with the kitchen and the kitchen with the servants' shed with pucca plinth and floor, joist posts, tiled roof on steel frames were provided.

(6) *Two-seated latrine.*—A new two-seated pucca latrine 4′ × 4′ each has been constructed.

(7) *Compound drain.*—125'-6" long new masonry drain was constructed and 33' long old drain was regraded.

(8) *Spiral stair.*—The outside cast iron spiral stair was removed and refitted in a new position.

(9) *Lightning Conductor.*—Additional lightning conductor straps on the south-east side of the main building and enclosing the godown and verandah were provided.

(10) *Gardener's Instrument shed.*—A covered corrugated iron sheet Machan 15' × 7' was provided.

(11) *Fowl shed.*—A new corrugated iron roofed shed with pucca plinth, floor and walls consisting of 4 rooms enclosed with framed wire netting was constructed.

(12) *Garden enclosure.*—Wire netted enclosure to the rose garden and portion of vegetable garden with gates was provided.

(13) *Sweepers' gate and bridge.*—Wooden gate and bridge at the south-west corner of the compound for the sweepers were provided.

Certain additions and alterations to the Vice-President's House.—The following items of works besides certain other petty improvements were done to the Vice-President's House at a cost of Rs. 25,743 against the provision of Rs. 24,500. The excess was met from general savings:—

(1) The existing servants' shed was extended on the north end for the accommodation of 2 more servants.

(2) A new servants' shed with corrugated iron roof on steel trusses, pucca walls, terraced floor and asbestos ceiling for the accommodation of 6 more servants were constructed.

(3) A coal shed.

(4) Two gardeners sheds.

(5) Two pucca washing tanks were constructed.

(6) The compound was filled up with earth, dressed, turfed and levelled.

(7) The north-east approach road of the compound was metalled, new paths and platforms inside the compound were made.

(8) Three new tube wells in the compound with pucca platforms and outlets were provided.

(9) 2783 rft. of barbed wire fencing round the compound with 4 wooden gates were provided.

(10) 1114 rft. of barbed wire fencing and 4566 sft. of wire-netting with 8 wooden gates round the different gardens in the compound were provided.

(11). Wall shelves have been provided in the kitchen and store room.

Improvement to the Assistant Surgeon's quarters.—The terraced roof of the old one-storied building, which was leaking considerably and was past repairs was demolished and a corrugated iron roofing over steel frames with asbestos ceiling were provided besides certain other petty improvements to the building. The cost amounted to Rs. 3,553 against the budget provision of Rs. 3,560.

Two-seated latrine for the menials, Judges's quarters and Police Superintendent's quarters.—A two-seated pucca latrine 4' × 4' each was constructed for the use of menials at a cost of Rs 556 against the provision of Rs. 600.

Electrical Engineer's quarters.—Pucca quarters for the Electrical Engineer are in progress. Rs. 6,290 was spent during the year out of the provision of Rs. 10,000.

Store room in the Fouzdari Ahilkar's quarters.—The existing store room in the Fouzdari Ahilkar's quarters being found insufficient a room 12′ × 8′ with a 3ft. wide verandah in front was added at a cost of Rs. 558 against the provision of Rs. 610.

ELECTRICAL.

Half ton Ice Factory.—A half ton Ice Factory containing 2 rooms, one 17′ × 14′ and another 15′ × 10′ with 5ft. lean-to verandah in front of the latter was constructed. A platform and drain on the east side of the building were provided. The structure was pucca throughout. Ice plants, chemicals and water connection were also provided. The total cost amounted to Rs. 12,680 against the budget provision of Rs. 13,000.

Construction of a new Power House for the Electrical Department.—The works of construction of a new Power House were completed at a total cost of Rs. 41,325

Remodelling the tank near the Ice Factory.—The tank near the Ice Factory was remodelled at a cost of Rs. 342 against the provision of Rs. 390.

Fencing round Power House, Water Tower, etc.—Rs. 470 was spent for providing fencing round the Power House, Water Tower, etc., against the provision of Rs. 480.

Providing steel racks for storage of Electrical stores in the Electrical Godown.—Altogether 8 patented and adjustable standard type steel racks of different dimensions were supplied for the Electrical Godown at cost of Rs. 2,619 against the budget provision of Rs. 2,850.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Improvement of the Rice Mill ground.—The ground in the compound of the Rice Mill was improved at a cost of Rs. 2,017 against the provision of Rs. 2,000.

Shed for housing Engine, Boiler and Hullers for the Rice Mills at Cooch Behar.—A shed 84′-7″ × 41′-8″ with corrrugated iron roofing on steel frames, brick walls and pucca floor was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 21,859 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs 18,990. The excess was provided in the Revised Budget of the year. The house consists of 3 rooms, *viz.*, one Huller room 40′ × 38′ – 5″, one Engine room 40′ × 18′ – 5″ and one Boiler room 40′ × 18′ – 5″.

Pump and well for the Rice Mill.—A 3″ diameter tube well was sunk for the Rice Mill at a cost of Rs. 4,614 against the provision of Rs. 4,600.

Furniture for the Revenue Officer.—Furniture worth of Rs. 310 was purchased during the year for the Revenue Officer.

Furniture for the the Vice-President.—Furniture to the value of Rs. 2,157 was purchased during the year for the Vice-President's House against the provision of Rs. 2,000. The excess has been met from general savings.

Purchase of new Engine, Hullers etc. and constructing an over-head shafting.—A new Engine, Hullers etc. for the Rice Mill were purchased and erected at site and over-head shafting was fitted up at a total cost of Rs. 27,889 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 25,000. The extra amount was provided in the Revised Budget of the year.

Green paddy godown and husk shed for the Rice Mill.—One paddy godown 150′ × 40′ – 9″ with corrugated iron roofing on steel trusses, corrugated iron walling and floor over iron joists and posts were constructed at a cost of Rs. 30,349 against the provision of Rs, 30,000. The Godown consists of 4 rooms 37′ – 6″ × 40′ – 9″ each.

Steeping Tank for the Rice Mill.—A tank 64′ × 18′ – 2″ consisting of 4 compartments 14′ × 14′ each with artificial stone flooring was constructed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 4,586.

Extension of drying platform for the Rice Mill.—Six drying platforms of different dimensions were constructed during the year at a cost of Rs. 10,551 against the provision of Rs. 10,274.

Construction of a building for the State Press.—A pucca building for the State Press is under construction. Rs. 11,169 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 12,000.

Construction of Howdah and Grain Godown.—A godown with corrugated iron roofing on steel frames, pucca walls and plinth with artificial stone paving consisting of 3 rooms *viz.*, one Howdah room 36′ × 20′, one office room 12′ × 9′ – 2″ and dispensary room 18′ × 10′ with two verandahs, one at the front 56′ – 11″ × 6′ – 2½″ and other at the side 9′ – 2″ × 5′ – 2″ was constructed at a cost of Rs. 9,588 against the provision of Rs. 10,400. Iron racks were provided for the Howdah room but the fitting of the standard type racks and almirahs in the dispensary and office rooms could not be done as they were received late in the year.

Shed for the Saw Mill in the Artisans School with purchase of Saw Machinaries.—A corrugated iron roofed shed on steel trusses with joists posts, brick-on-edge floor and corrugated iron and expanded metal wallings was constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,702 against the provision of Rs. 7,800.

Rice Mills Manager's quarters.—Quarters for the Manager of the Rice Mill were constructed during the year at a cost of Rs. 6,075 against the budget provision of Rs. 6,600.

Two married sweepers' quarters at Nilkuty.—Quarters were constructed for the use of the sweepers at Nilkuty at a cost of Rs. 2,108 against the provision of Rs. 2,350.

Providing an over-head storage tank with staging in the Rice Mill.—An over-head storage tank with staging of steel structure was provided for the Rice Mill at a cost of Rs. 6,551 against the provision of Rs. 6,300. The excess was meet from general savings.

Providing damp proof almirahs and racks in the Crockery and Linen room of the Camp equipage Godown.—Four patented and adjustable standard type steel racks of different dimensions were provided for the crockery and linen room of the Camp Godown at a cost of Rs. 2,562 against the budget provision of Rs. 2,730.

Half terracing the roof of Fouzdari office building.—A portion of the roof in the east side of the Fouzdari office building was half terraced, the sky light frame in the roof was renewed and 33 cast iron down pipes fitted at a cost of Rs. 2,148 against the budget provision of Rs. 2,100.

Construction of 6 racks for the Mulkutchery Record Room.—Six rows of racks with cast iron cloumns, teak wood planking over iron frame were provided at a cost of Rs. 5,311 against the provision of Rs 5,936.

Covering iron racks of the Linen and Crockery Godown.—The iron racks of the linen and crockery godown were covered with teak wood planks at a cost of Rs. 512.

Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

98. *Water works at Cooch Behar.*—The works were completed during the year under report at a total cost of Rs. 2,35,995.

99. *Drainage scheme for the town of Cooch Behar.*—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,16,865 was spent up to the close of the year.

100. *Protection of the Race course, Polo ground and Cemetery.*—A kutcha drain 1838 rft. along the eastern edge of the Polo ground was cut and a kutcha bund at its outer edge with filling up rain cuts etc. was provided at a cost of Rs. 554 against the provision of Rs. 750.

101. *Widening and shaping the tank east of Military Barrack.*—The tank east of Military Barrack was widened and shaped at a cost of Rs. 1,336 against the provision of Rs. 1,500.

FOREST.

102. *Forest in General.*—A list of forests in the State maintained by this Department, is given below. All the forests were maintained according to the needs of each. The total cost was Rs. 403 against the provision of Rs. 800.

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forest.	Natural or cultural.	Areas.		
				B.	K.	Ch.
1.	Nilkuty	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do.	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do.	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakerkuty	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natharpar ...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nababganj Balasi	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari	Sâl.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Sathalee	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do.	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathabhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswari	Do.	Do.	261	2	0
21.	Garati	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Dowaguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty	Do.	Do.	8	2	0
26.	Talliguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
			Total ...	2051	9	9

103. *Planting and protecting trees.*—Rs. 356 only was spent in protection of plants against the provision of Rs. 1000.

PALACE—DARJEELING.

104. *Additions and alterations to the main building, refitting electric light in the altered portion and repairs to compound path and Tennis Court at Colinton.*—Rs. 821 was finally adjusted during the year for works done in 1927-28.

COMMUNICATION.

Metalling a portion of Kalighat Road.—A portion of the Kalighat Road (about 1,300 rft.) was metalled with Jainti stones at a cost of Rs. 3,057 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,000.

Construction of an iron culvert over masonry abutment on Emigration Road.—An iron culvert over masonry abutment at the 3rd mile of the Emigration Road West was constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,041 against the provision of Rs. 2,200. Fitting, fixing of railings and metalling of the road way could not be done during the year.

Protection of Sutunga Bridge.—Several wooden spurs were provided to protect the bridge by diverting the current of river to prevent erosion of the banks at a total cost of Rs. 12,574 against the total provision of Rs. 13,000.

Iron bridge on the 11th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.—A screw pile iron bridge of 4 spans of 26′ each with corrugated iron abutment and trough plate flooring was completed at a total cost of Rs. 9,856 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 10,500.

Reconstruction of two iron bridges on the 13th and 14th miles of Emigration Road West.—The works could not be completed during the year. Rs. 2,851 was spent up to the end of the year against the provision of Rs. 2,800.

Improvement of the Patlakhawa Road including Berm Road.—The work is in progress. Rs. 19,269 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 20,000.

120′ Iron bridge on the 40th mile of Emigration Road.—An iron bridge of 6 spans of 20′ ft. each with corrugated iron sheet abutment, joist piles and trough plate flooring was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 14,996 against the budget provision of Rs. 15,350.

Metalling of Town Roads.—Portions of Haughton Street, Kameswari Road and Smith Road were metalled during the year at a cost of Rs. 6,814 against the provision of Rs. 7,000.

Extension of the masonry culvert on the 2nd mile of Emigration Road West.—The masonry culvert on the 2nd mile of Emigration Road West was extended by 16′-3″ at a cost of Rs. 867 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,000.

Cart Road from the Railway Goods shed to the Town.—The work is in progress. Rs 10,077 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 11,000.

Providing Berm Road to Lowkuty Road up to Kaljani.—The work is in progress. Earth work was done up to 6th mile. Rs. 14,105 was spent up to the close of the year against the budget provision of Rs. 13,000.

Reconstruction of iron bridges on the 6th and 8th miles of Mathabhanga Sitalkhuchi Road.—The work is in progress. Rs. 2,140 was spent during the year for collection of materials against the provision of Rs. 2,150.

Construction of 3 Pucca Culverts on the Berm track of Emigration Road West.—One 10′ diameter pucca culvert of 2 spans on the 41st mile, one 11′-2″ diameter on the 43rd mile and another 5′ diameter barrel culvert on the 42nd mile were constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,631 against the provision of Rs. 3,620.

Repairs—Public Works.

105. The statement "J" appended hereto shows the expenditure on repairs for the year under report.

The total expenditure under Repairs amounted to Rs. 65,558 against the provision of Rs. 68,767.

Jail.—General repairs were done to the Sudder Jail and the Mofussil Lock-ups.

Police.—The Sudder Police Station and other Police buildings hitherto maintained by the Police Department had general repairs to a certain extent.

Educational.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Victoria College, Jenkins School and the Boarding houses and the School buildings in the Sub-divisions. The Victoria College, Jenkins School and the Store room of the Gymnastic Club had special repairs.

Medical.—General repairs were done to the Dispensaries both at Sudder and in Mofussil.

Revenue.—The Revenue Office and the Treasury at Sudder, the Sub-divisional buildings and the Tehsil Office at Haldibari were repaired.

Ecclesiastical.—The Thakurbaries both at Sudder and the Mofussil, the Brahmo Samaj Building, Anandamoyee Dharmasala, Cemetery and the Samadhi in the Keshab Asram had general repairs.

Dâk Bungalows.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Sudder Dâk Bungalow and the Mofussil Rest Houses.

Residential.—Necessary repairs to all the Residential Houses were done.

Miscellaneous.—The State Offices and Courts at the Sudder, Mahuts' sheds in the Sub-divisions, Pilkhana and Godowns &c. were generally repaired.

Military.—Ordinary repairs were done to Barracks, Stable and Magazine.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—General maintenance was done to State gardens, Anti-cholera wells and tube wells, tanks and wells in Mofussil and the tube wells sunk under Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Tools and Plant.—The undermentioned tools and plant were purchased at a cost of Rs. 1,468 against the provision of Rs. 3,000.

New W. I. single armed split fast pulleys 24" diameter	2 Nos.
6 Level Brass Pad Lock	1 No.
Tarpaulins.	3 Nos.
10" Hair belting	21 Rft.
Mulcott Multiplier twintex Hair belting 6" wide ...	136 Rft.
Glazier Diamond	4 Nos.
Staprats speed Indicater	1 No.
Spirit Level	1 "
½" Manilla Rope	110 Rft.
14" Nettlefolds improved Ratchet Brace	1 No.
W. I. Puley block 8" diameter	4 Nos.
Westons differential Ratchet Brace "A"	2 Nos.
Minor Tools	1 item.
English spade	10 Nos
Drawing Instrument box	1 item

Repairs—Palace, Cooch Behar.

106. *Repairs to Palace and connected buildings.*—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 29,265, against the provision of Rs. 30,200, the details of which have been shown in the statement submitted herewith.

Repairs—Palace, Woodlands.

107. *Repairs to houses and up-keep of roads &c.*—The houses were repaired at a total cost of Rs. 15,224 against the provision of Rs. 16,010.

Repairs—Communication.

108. Statement "L" appended hereto shows the mileage of roads in the State under this Department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shown in the statement. Statement "K" gives details of work done on each road. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 73,389 against Rs. 89,018 in the previous year.

Section II—Contribution Works.

109. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 63,343 against Rs. 27,287 of the previous year *vide* statement "M" appended hereto.

The following are the principal items of expenditure:—

Constructing Prajabathsal Maharaj Jitendra Narayan Chikitshalaya.—The work was completed but the final adjustment was not made during the year under report. A sum of Rs. 41,724 was expended during the year and the total amount paid up to the end of the year came to Rs. 1,68,093.

Construction of a Hostel for the Hindu boys of Nripendra Narayan High English School at Debiganj.—The work was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 5,957 against the contribution of Rs. 6,206 received from the Manager, Chaklajat Estates.

Providing brick-nogging wall, additional room, bath room and veranduh to the Assistant Manager's quarters at Debiganj.—The work was completed and final adjustments made during the year. The total expenditure came to Rs. 1747 against the estimate of Rs. 1,750.

Construction of a pucca well at Mahamaya Dham.—The work of a 4′ diameter pucca well at Mahamaya Dham in taluk Ambari was completed during the year but the final payment was not made. A sum of Rs. 514 was spent up to the end of the year against the estimate of Rs. 889.

Pucca well at Panisala.—The work of a 3′ diameter pucca well at Panisala is in progress. Rs. 133 was spent during the year.

Extension of Sunity Academy.—The old pucca building of the Sunity Academy was demolished. A new pucca Hall 50′ × 30′ in the centre and a "L" shaped corrugated iron roofed house in the south in conformity with the old one in the north, were constructed during the year but the final payment was not made. A sum of Rs. 16,638 only was spent against the contribution of Rs. 26,100, of which Rs. 7,700 was provided under "Original Works" in the last Budget and the balance of Rs. 18,400 was raised by a loan from the Pound Fund.

SECTION III.—ESTABLISHMENT.

110. The following establishment was maintained during the year under report:—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace	52,841
Chaklajat	1,987
Total ...	54,828

The sum provided in the budget of the year under report is distributed as given below:—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace	54,414
Chaklajat	1,908
Total ...	56,322

With the aid of this establishment works to the value of Rs. 9,29,269 were done. The details are given below:—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace and Communication ...	8,44,951
Contribution Works	63,275
Chaklajat	21,043
Total ...	9,29,269

The percentage of expenditure on establishment with reference to the total expenditure on works comes to 5·90 per cent against 7·25 per cent of the previous year.

SECTION IV.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

111. The original provision of the year under report was Rs. 21,645 which was increased to Rs. 26,566 in the Revised Budget. The increase was mainly due to inclusion of Rs. 7,698 for adjustment of dues incurred in the year 1927-28. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 23,980. Statement "N" appended hereto shows the actual expenditure on works executed during the year.

ORIGINAL WORKS.

112. *Construction of an additional room for Manager's Residence at Debigunj.*—An additional room for the Manager's Residence at Debigunj is under construction. Rs. 987 was expended during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,000.

113. *Construction of a new Toke Kutchery at Kharibari.*—The works of a new corrugated iron roofed Kutchery building 20′ × 16′ with pucca floor and lath plaster wall and a corrugated iron roofed kitchen (16′ × 10′ – 3′ with pucca floor and bamboo jaffree walls) were completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 1,829 against the provision of Rs. 1,750. The excess was met from general savings.

114. *Conversion of the existing Tent Godown etc., attached to the Manager's office at Debigunj into Police Guards' quarters.*—The existing Tent-godown attached to the Manager's office at Debigunj was converted into Police Guards' quarters at a cost of Rs. 469 against the budget provision of Rs. 500.

115. *Conversion of the wooden frames of the strong room gratings into iron frame including double lock door.*—The wooden frames of the strong room gratings were replaced by iron frames at a cost of Rs. 812 against the provision of Rs. 850.

116. *New kitchen with corrugated iron roof and mat walls for Police Guards.*—A corrugated iron roofed kitchen 24′ × 8′ was constructed at a cost of Rs. 226 against the provision of Rs. 220.

117. *New Corrugated Iron roofed Tent Godown with 10″ brick wall and terraced floor.*—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,003 was spent during the year against the budget provision of Rs. 1,000.

118. *Providing pucca floor and Corrugated Iron sheet walling to the out-houses of Boda Kutchery.*—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,300 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,306.

119. *Reconstruction of Debighar in the Berubari Toke Kutchery.*—A corrugated iron roofed Debighar was reconstructed at a cost of Rs. 493 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 550.

120. *Pucca well at the Staging Bungalow.*—A 2 ft. diameter cement concrete ring well was sunk in the Staging Bungalow at Debigunj at a cost of Rs. 201 against the provision of Rs. 220.

REPAIRS.

121. General repairs were done to the buildings. A sum of Rs. 14,635 including the dues of the previous year was paid during the year out of the provision of Rs. 16,574.

ESTABLISHMENT.

122. The establishment charges for the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,087 against Rs. 1,550 in the previous year.

V.—ARTISANS SCHOOL.

123. *Charge.*—Rai Saroda Charan Mitra Bahadur, B. A., State Engineer, was in charge of the Artisans School throughout the year under report.

124. The original Budget grant of the Artisans School for the year under report was Rs. 25,073. The Revised Estimate was the same figure as was in the original grant.

The total expenditure of the year under report amounted to Rs. 25,057-14-1 and the balance of Rs. 15-1-11 was remitted to the Treasury as unexpended balance.

The statement of expenditure is given below :—

		Rs.
I. Establishment.—		
(1) Permanent Establishment		4,601
(2) Travelling allowance		60
(3) Contingencies		367
	Total ...	5,028
II. Tools and Plant.—		
(1) Purchase of Tools		1,522
(2) Repairing Tools		125
	Total ...	1,647
III. Purchase of Raw materials for manufacture		9,709
IV. Temporary Establishment and Ticcs Labourers		7,450
V. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—		
(1) Repairs to Anti-cholera Tube wells		115

Out of the provision for the purchase of Tools, the following articles were purchased during the year under report.

(1)	Engineer's surface plate	1 No.
(2)	Starret surface gauge	1 No.
(3)	Stanleys Ratchet brace	1 No.
(4)	¼" to ⅝" centre bits	8 Nos.
(5)	Spokeshaves 3"	3 Nos.
(6)	Stanleys plane No. 5	1 No.
(7)	Bar Joiner's cramp 6'	1, No.
(8)	Grind stone with trough 20"	1 No.
(9)	Twist drills $\frac{7}{64}$" to ¾"	20 Nos
(10)	Blades for No. 5 Stanleys plane	2 Nos.
(11)	Drill chuck capacity ½"	1 No.
(12)	Improved perfect wood workers vice	1 No.
(13)	Anvil 1½" cwt.	1 No.
(14)	Parkins Handi Parallel Vice	1 No.
(15)	Blacksmith Bellow 49' × 30"	1 No.
(16)	Balata canval Beltings 3 ply 1½" with fastner ...	100 Rft.
(17)	Do. Do. Do. 2"	100 Rft.
(18)	Hand Vice	1 No.
(19)	Chatwins hand and powers screwing machine ...	1 No.
(20)	Diamond Glazier	1 No.

125. The estimated amount of receipts for the year was Rs. 20,926. The actual amount of receipts of the year under report was Rs. 15,386 including realisation of the arrears of previous years against the sum of Rs. 14,515 as the actual value of works executed. The nett arrears of the year is Rs. 3,345 as that a sum of Rs. 1,218 was due to arrears realised for previous years.

VI.—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education.

126. *Charge.*—During the year under review three officers successively held charge of Primary and Secondary Education. Babu Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B.A., Inspector of Schools, suddenly died on the 26th May, 1928, and Moulvi Mahamed Akbar Ali, B.A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, was temporarily placed in charge, as Officiating Inspector of Schools till the forenoon of January 7th, 1929, when Srijut Hem Chandra Das Gupta, M.A., the newly appointed Inspector of Schools, took over charge of the Department.

127. Particulars of the numerical strength, attendance, and expenditure of the different classes of Educational Institutions under the Department during the past two years, are shown in the following table:—

Class of Schools.	1927-1928.			1928-1929.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1927-1928.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1928-1929.		
	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1928.	Average daily attendance.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1929.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
							Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State Institutions—												
Middle Vernacular	13	913	542	13	825	488	7,505	1,642	9,147	7,660	1,542	9,202
TOTAL ...	13	913	542	13	825	488	7,505	1,642	9,147	7,660	1,542	9,202
Grant-in-aid Schools—												
Higher English „	4	907	691	4	934	715	13,501	20,208	33,709	14,221	18,667	32,888
Middle English „	18	1,102	800	18	1,234	809	5,122	7,413	12,535	5,154	7,245	12,399
Mto Vernacular „	15	721	571	15	858	576	2,738	1,648	4,386	2,715	1,673	4,388
TOTAL ...	37	2,730	2,071	37	3,026	2,119	21,361	29,269	50,630	22,090	27,585	49,675
Primary Schools—												
Upper Primary „	45	2,111	1,491	44	1,944	1,327	3,928	4,071	7,999	3,790	3,343	7,133
Lower Primary „	159	5,231	3,634	156	5,325	3,728	6,697	8,953	15,650	6,659	9,323	16,012
Night Schools ...	6	87	59	5	83	58	240	.....	240	243	.....	243
Girls Schools ...	3	36	22	4	55	36	123	.....	123	137	.....	137
Maktabs ...	7	158	112	6	160	105	276	402	678	244	408	652
TOTAL ...	211	7,723	5,318	215	7,567	5,254	11,269	13,426	24,695	11,103	13,074	24,177
Private Institutions—												
High English* ...	.....	.....	.....	1	153	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,870	1,870
Middle English Schools.	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	467	467	.....	1,306	1,306
Middle Vernacular Schools.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary	70	2,401	1,687	72	2,239	1,637	.....	4,789	4,789	.....	4,764	4,764
Night Schools ...	6	89	63	6	101	72	.....	204	204	.....	141	141
Girls Schools ..	2	26	18	1	14	10	.....	36	36	.....	24	24
Maktabs	5	165	108	4	187	133	.....	552	552	.....	780	780
TOTAL ...	89	2,681	1,876	90	2,724	1,953	.....	6,048	6,048	.....	8,885	8,885
GRAND TOTAL ...	350	14,127	9,807	355	14,142	9,585	40,135	50,385	90,520	41,023	51,086	92,109

*Swedish Mission Institution, Cooch Behar.

The number of Primary and Secondary Schools in the State increased from 350 to 355, of pupils from 14,127 to 14,142, and of average daily attendance from 9,807 to 9,585, during the year under report. There was thus an actual increase of 5 schools and of 15 pupils, with an improved attendance of 78 students. The increase in private institutions was below expectation, for Cholera and Small-pox broke out, almost everywhere in the State, in an epidemic form.

The total expenditure on Public Instruction, amounted during the year under report to Rs. 92,109 against Rs. 90,520 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,589. The State contributed Rs. 41,023, and the people Rs. 51,086.

The Sunity Academy and the Jenkins School, have not been included in the foregoing statement, as they are not under the Inspector of Schools.

128. *Results of Public Examinations.*—The following table shows the results of all schools under the Department in the different examinations :—

Class of Examinations.	1927-1928.						1928-1929.					
	Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.				Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Matriculation	4	35	15	10	3	28	4	45	21	11	1	33
Middle English	18	5[illegible]	10	10	10	30	22	37	4	6	4	14
Ditto for Females	...	1	...	...	1	1	.....	...	...	.	...	...
Middle Vernacular ...	37	63	2	18	10	30	38	10[illegible]	4	25	3	32
Ditto for Females	2	3	2	1	...	3	2	2	2	..	...	2
Upper Primary	112	348	43	104	83	220	96	312	38	94	67	199
Ditto for Females	3	8	4	2	1	7	4	10	4	4	...	5
Lower Primary	265	884	507	208	...	715	250	763	393	217	...	610
Ditto for Females	5	38	28	7	...	35	6	45	30	12	...	42
Sanskrit Tole	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	2	2
Total ...	450	1431	611	360	199	1080	432	1316	496	399	77	972

It will be seen that 45 candidates appeared at the Matriculation Examination, in the year under report., of whom 33 passed, 21 in first, 11 in second and 1 in third division. Of the 35 candidates sent up in the preceding year, 28 passed, 15 in the first division, 10 in the second, and 3 in the third division.

In the Middle and Primary Scholarship Examinations 14 passed the Middle English, 34 the Middle Vernacular, 207 the Upper Primary and 682 the Lower Primary. The figures in the preceding year were 31 Middle English, 33 Middle Vernacular, 237 Upper Primary and 750 Lower Primary.

In the year under review, 2 female candidates sat for the Middle Vernacular, 10 for Upper Primary and 45 for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the 57 candidates, 52 passed, 36 in the first division and 16 in the second.

Two candidates sat for the Sanskrit Tole Examination. Both passed and the first in order of merit was awarded the Temple Scholarship.

129. *The Sub-Divisional High English Schools.*—The following table gives in an abstract form the details of strength, attendance and expenditure of the Sub-Divisional High English Schools as they stood on the 31st March, 1929 :—

Names of Institutions.	Nos. of students.		No. of pupil studying.		Expenditure.				
						From Local sources.			
	Roll on the 31st March 1929.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular	From the State.	School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Mathabhanga H. E.	291	224	199	92	3,380	4,034	754	4,788	[illegible]
2. Mekliganj H. E.	225	171	202	23	3,379	2,510	982	4,[illegible]	[illegible]
3. Dinhata H. E.	264	200	204	60	2,290	3,942	1,620	[illegible]	[illegible]
4. Tufanganj H. E.	184	121	90	85	4,179	2,121	1,704	[illegible]	[illegible]
5. Swedish Mission H. E. ...	153	101	145	6	.....	1,111	759	1,870	[illegible]
Total ..	1,087	817	849	248	14,221	14,716	5,819	[illegible]	[illegible]

The number of High English Schools in the State on the 31st March, 1929, was 5, of which 4 were aided and 1 unaided against 4 aided of the previous year. These Schools, had on their rolls, on the 31st March last, 1087 pupils against 907 on the corresponding date of the year preceding showing an increase of 180 pupils.

The Sub-divisional High English Schools gained 27 pupils, and in detail this represents an increase of 25 pupils in the Mekligunj and 5 in Mathabhanga and a decrease of 2 in the Tufangunj and of 1 in the Dinhata Schools.

The average daily attendance in these schools was 84·2 per cent of the average number on the roll as compared with 82·1 per cent in the previous year. The number of English reading pupils increased by 162. Of the total number of 1087 pupils 890 were Hindus, 182 Mohamedans, 11 Christians and 4 of other communities as compared with 739 Hindus, 156 Mohamadans, 4 Christians and 8 of other communities in the previous year. The number of Cooch Behari pupils in these schools was 450 or 41·3 per cent against 39·1 per cent in the previous year.

The total expenditure on these schools was Rs. 34,758 of which Rs. 14,221 were met from the State, Rs. 14,718 from fees and Rs. 5,819 from other sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 33,709, Rs. 13,501, Rs. 14,017, and Rs. 6,191. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 1,049 mainly due to the increase in the number of Institutions. The State grant increased by Rs. 720 due to the increased grant sanctioned for the Tufangunj School being utilised throughout the year under report, while in the year preceding it was utilised from the middle of the session.

The fee receipts in the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools decreased by Rs. 410 and the Mekligunj, the Dinhata and the Tufangunj Schools worked at a deficit. The deficit was made up by the floating cash balance in case of Mekligunj, while interest on their invested capital had to be drawn in the case of the remaining two.

The Sub-divisional High English Schools had a sound financial basis, as the invested funds to their credit stood at Rs. 64,041 on the 31st March, 1929. The Secretaries had also a cash balance of Rs. 4,556 at the end of the year.

130. *Teaching Staff.*—(*a*) Srijut Monomadhab Chaki, M. A., Assistant Head Master of the Mathabhanga School was on privilege leave from the 2nd January to 9th February, 1929 and his work was managed by the remaining staff. He submitted his resignation at the end of February, which was accepted.

(*b*) Srijut Girija Mohan Bhattacharjee, B. A., B. T., 2nd Assistant teacher, Mathabhanga School, was on privilege leave for 3 months with effect from the 17th July, and Srijut Khitish Chandra Neogie, M. A., an outsider was temporarily appointed to act during his absence.

(*c*) Srijut Radhika Mohan Sen, 5th Assistant teacher, Mathabhanga School, was on Medical leave for 1 month and 13 days with effect from the 5th April, and Srijut Ashutosh Biswas, B. A., an outsider was temporarily appointed to act in his place.

(*d*) Moulvi Md. Mahabubulla, Persian teacher, Mathabhanga School, was on Medical leave for four months and twenty-three days with effect from the 18th August and Moulvi Saidar Rahaman, an outsider, was appointed to act for him.

(*e*) Srijut Bhuban Mohan Dakua, 2nd Pandit on the Vernacular side, Mathabhanga School, tendered resignation from 1st March and Srijut Mohendra Nath Barman was appointed until further orders to act as 2nd Pandit.

(*f*) Srijut Chandi Prosad Smritiratna, Sanskrit Pandit, Dinhata School, retired from service with effect from the 31st March.

(*g*) Srijut Khitish Chandra Pal, 4th Assistant teacher, Tufangunj School, tendered resignation of his post on the expiry of Medical leave for 3 months granted him with effect from 1st April, 1929. The post has not as yet

been filled up. During the period of his Medical leave Srijut Jadu Nath Das, B. A., acted for him.

(*h*) Srijut Satish Chandra Kabyatirtha, Sanskrit teacher, Tufangunj School, was granted privilege leave for 1 month with effect from the 18th February, 1929.

131. *Managing Committee.*—There were 4 sittings of the School Committee at Mekligunj, 6 at Tufangunj, 4 at Dinhata and 5 at Mathabhanga.

132. *The Examination Results.*—The following table shows the results of the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools in the different Public Examinations during the year under report:—

Names of schools.	Matriculation.					Middle English.					Middle Vernacular.					Upper Primary.					Lower Primary			
	Nos. of candidates.	Number passed				Nos. of candidates.	Number passed				Nos. of candidates	Number passed.				Nos. of candidates	Number passed.				Nos. of candidates	Number passed.		
		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	Total
Mathabhanga H. E.	1	5	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	8	...	1	3	4	11	10	...	10
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	8	6	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	..	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	18	16	2	18
Dinhata H. E. ...	2	10	3	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	18	7	4	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
Mekligunj H. E. ...	9	4	4	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	5	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..
Tufangunj H. E. ...	4	2	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	4	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 45 candidates were sent up for the Matriculation Examination of 1929 from the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools against 35 candidates in the preceding year of whom 33 came out successful, 21 being placed in 1st Division, 11 in the 2nd and 1 in the 3rd. The number of successful candidates in the previous year was 28; 15 in the first division, 10 in the second and 3 in the third.

Twenty-three boys were sent up for the different Scholarship Examinations from the Vernacular Departments of these schools, of whom 17 passed: 11 in the first division, 2 in the 2nd, and 4 in the third. The percentage of passes was 73·9 against 92·8 in the preceding year.

133. *Discipline.*—Discipline, during the year in these Institutions was on the whole satisfactory.

134. *Prizes.*—The sanctioned State grant of Rs. 333 for Prizes was duly remitted to the Secretaries. No prize distribution was held during the year under review.

135. *Boarding Institutions.*—The number of boarders in the Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional High English Schools was 110 on the 31st of March last against 108 in the preceding year, showing an increase of 2 inmates. Of these 80 were Hindus and 30 Mohamadans and 59 pure natives of the State.

The general condition of the Boarding Institutions in respect of diet and sanitary arrangements as well as supervision and control continued to be satisfactory.

The State paid Rs. 1,980 towards the up-keep of the Institutions.

136. *Educational Conference.*—The Annual Educational Conference of the Head Masters of the High English Schools in the State was held on the 12th November, 1928, under the presidency of the Principal, Victoria College, Cooch Behar.

137. *The Middle English Schools.*—The following table shows the particulars of the Middle English Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March, 1929:—

	Names of Schools.	Nos. of pupils		Pupils studying Language.		Expenditure.		
		Roll on the 31st March.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
	1927-28.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	77	61	53	77	360	729	1,089
2	Kharkharia " ...	60	39	37	60	336	428	764
3	Haldibari " ...	86	57	75	86	480	1,001	1,481
4	Soulmari " ...	68	46	40	68	300	300	600
5	Maricha " ...	89	65	25	89	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari " ...	55	40	30	55	170	130	300
7	Upanchouki " ...	78	53	60	78	358	540	898
8	Bamanhat " ..	88	56	58	88	346	614	960
9	Fulbari " ...	69	42	22	69	180	240	420
10	Sudder Model E.D. ...	.....	.....	114	114	360	460	820
11	Gitaldah " ...	.....	.....	26	26	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani M. E. ...	79	58	51	79	288	455	743
13	Alakjhari " ...	79	42	32	79	276	324	600
14	Per Mekliguni " ...	60	53	28	60	204	183	387
15	Nishimoyee " ...	7	45	19	78	240	420	660
16	Balarampur Model E.D. ...	8	.....	23	23	120	149	269
17	Choupathi M. E. ...	110	80	30	110	300	228	528
18	Unishbisha " ...	116	72	56	116	204	612	816
19	Panigram (unaided) ...	.....	.....	10	10	...	...	.....
20	Sahebgunj " ...	.....	.....	34	34	...	75	75
21	Changrabanda " ...	.....	.....	23	23	...	252	252
22	Pundibari Model E.D. ...	.....	.....	24	24	...	140	140
23	Khalishamari (unaided)	.....	.....	12	12	...	...	.....
24	Kamat Changrabandha "	.....	.....	36	36	...	...	.....
25	Dewanhat Model E.D. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
26	Dinhata Girls' E. D. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
	Total ...	1,192	809	918	1,404	5,122	7,880	13,002
	1928-29.							
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	77	62	57	77	360	744	1,104
2	Kharkharia " ...	53	34	37	53	336	340	676
3	Haldibari " ...	115	64	107	115	480	1,114	1,594
4	Shoulmari " ...	68	54	40	68	300	300	600
5	Maricha " ...	91	67	20	91	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari " ...	47	33	30	47	166	65	231
7	Upanchouki " ...	68	54	37	68	360	540	900
8	Bamanhat " ...	65	45	48	65	360	483	843
9	Fulbari " ...	76	57	21	76	190	618	808
10	Sudder Model E. D. ...	.....	.....	69	69	360	399	759
11	Gitaldah " ...	.....	.....	31	31	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani M. E. ...	95	57	54	95	288	406	694
13	Alakjhari " ...	66	44	30	66	286	408	694
14	Per Mekliguni " ...	73	55	43	73	209	184	393
*15	Nishimoyee " ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	140	...	140
16	Balarampur Model E. D. ...	.....	.....	26	26	120	164	284
17	Choupathi M. E. ...	81	65	41	81	300	174	474
18	Unishbisha " ...	80	70	31	80	209	310	519
19	Panigram (unaided) ...	53	35	10	53	60	396	456
20	Sahebganj " ...	.....	.....	43	43	.....	160	160
21	Changrabanda " ...	.....	.....	28	28	.....	180	180
22	Pundibari Model E. D. ...	.....	.....	23	23	.....	300	300
*23	Khalishamari (un-aided) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
24	Kamat Changrabanda " ...	.....	.....	41	41	.....	450	450
†25	Dewanhat Model E. D. ...	.....	.....	25	25	.....	120	120
†26	Dinhata Girls E. D. ...	.....	.....	20	20	.....	96	96
	Total ...	1,108	796	912	1,404	5,124	8,551	13,675

* English Department abolished. † Newly started.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the total number of Middle English Schools during the year under report remained unchanged at 24 ; of which 18 were aided and 6 unaided. Of the aided institutions, the Nishimoyee Middle English School was reduced to the Middle Vernacular status for want of local support, while the Panigram Upper Primary School (with its unaided English classes) was raised to the Middle English status for satisfactory work. Of the unaided institutions Khalisamari Middle English School ceased to exist for want of local support, while Dewanhat Model School and Dinhata Girls School opened English classes during the year. It is worthy of note that signs of eagerness in girls to receive English Education are in sight as evinced by the opening of the English classes in the Dinhata Girls School. Mekliguuj Girls School, also, is likely to follow suit.

On the 31st March last, there were 1108 pupils on the rolls of the 18 regular Middle English schools against 1192 of the preceding year. There was, thus, a slight fall of 84 in the number of pupils. The average daily attendance, also came down from 809 to 796 and the percentage of attendance from 75·7 to 74·8. Prevalence of Cholera and Small-pox in the neighbourhood of a large number of schools throughout the whole State, not only affected the roll-strength but the attendance as well. Of the total number of boys attending this class of schools 672 were Hindus and 436 Mohamadans against 751 Hindus and 441 Mohamadans in the preceding year.

The number of pupils reading English in this class of schools was 912 against 918 showing a decrease of 6 only.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs 13,675 of which Rs. 5,124 was paid by the State and Rs. 8,551 by the people. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 13,002, Rs. 5,122 and Rs. 7,880. The total expenditure thus increased by Rs. 673, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 2 only and that of the people Rs. 671.

138. The following table compares the results of the Middle English Schools in the Middle and Primary Scholarship Examinations during the last two years :—

Class of Examination.	1927-28.					1928-29.				
	No. sent up.	No. passed.				No. sent up.	No. passed.			
		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Middle English	51	10	10	11	31	31	3	3	4	10
" Vernacular	15	...	5	3	8	26	1	5	1	7
Upper Primary	54	9	19	18	46	80	10	27	22	59
Lower Primary	54	31	13	...	44	28	22	6	...	28
Total ...	174	50	47	32	129	165	35	41	27	104

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 165 candidates were sent up from the Middle English schools to the several public Examinations—31 to the Middle English, 26 to the Middle Vernacular, 80 to the Upper Primary and

28 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of these 159 actually sat for the examination and 104 passed, 35 in the first division, 41 in the second and 27 in the third. The percentage of success was 65·4 against 76·7 of the preceding year.

189. *The Model Vernacular schools.*—The following table summarises the condition of the State Model Schools during the year under report.

Nos.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Nos. of Students.			Expenditure		
		Nos. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average number on the roll.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
	1927-1928.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model ...	153	106	149	1,595	565	2,160
2	Balarampur „ ...	59	30	57	490	96	586
3	Baneswar „ ...	55	40	50	457	95	552
4	Natabari „ ...	71	47	54	469	117	586
5	Chilakhana „ ...	78	45	74	475	118	593
6	Dewanhat „ ...	49	36	51	524	86	610
7	Gitaldah „ ...	73	62	74	467	140	607
8	Changrabanda „ ...	42	28	38	506	79	585
9	Pundibari „ ...	54	31	38	476	87	563
10	Kheti „ ...	105	36	65	499	61	560
11	Kesaribari „ ...	45	24	40	512	53	565
12	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	65	23	35	531	52	583
13	Dewangunj „ ...	52	34	49	504	91	595
	Total ...	903	542	764	7505	1,642	9,147
	1928-1929.						
1	Sudder Model ...	112	89	130	1,750	506	2,256
2	Balarampur „ ...	57	26	51	518	76	594
3	Baneswar „ ...	51	35	51	457	101	558
4	Natabari „ ...	60	39	55	504	90	594
5	Chilakhana „ ...	82	41	66	502	116	618
6	Dewanhat „ ...	53	33	43	560	69	629
7	Gitaldah „ ...	72	59	70	497	132	629
8	Changralanda „ ...	45	23	31	524	70	594
9	Pundibari „ ...	43	22	30	537	67	604
10	Kheti „ ...	65	29	49	493	77	570
11	Kesaribari „ ...	45	18	38	509	50	559
12	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	76	37	58	495	85	580
13	Dewangunj „ ...	65	37	44	514	103	617
	Total ...	825	488	716	7,860	1,542	9,402

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the total number of pupils on the rolls of these schools, was 825 against 903 in the previous year showing a slight decrease of 78 pupils. There was also, a corresponding fall in average daily attendance from 542 to 488 *i. e.*, from 70·9 per cent to 68·2 per cent. The causes of this fall have been explained in connection with the Middle English Schools.

Of the total number of 825 pupils studying in the State Model Schools 552 were Hindus and 273 Mahomedans against 903 pupils, 623 Hindus and 280 Mahomedans of the year before.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of these 13 Schools, amounted, during the year, to Rs. 9,402 of which the State paid Rs. 7,860 and Rs. 1,542 was met from School fees. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 9147, Rs. 7,505 and Rs. 1,642. Thus the total expenditure rose by Rs. 255 and the State's share by Rs. 355.

The Model Schools sent up 33 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 66 to the Upper Primary and 30 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 129 candidates 6 were absent and 87 passed—32 in the first division, 46 in the second and 9 in the third against, 100 candidates and 81 passes

of the year before. Although the number of candidates increased by 29, percentage of passes fell from 84·3 to 70·7.

140. *The Middle Vernacular Schools*—The number of Middle Vernacular Schools remained unchanged at 15 during the last two years, although owing to unsatisfactory condition some of these schools were reduced to Upper Primary while some of the lower class schools were raised to the Middle Vernacular status for their good work.

The number of students on the rolls of these schools, however, rose from 721 to 858 *i. e.* by 137, but the percentage of attendance, as in other classes of schools, fell from 84·9 to 78·4. Of the total number of pupils attending these schools, 519 were Hindus and 317 Mahomedans against 519 Hindus and 202 Mahomedans in the preceding year.

Of the total expenditure of Rs. 4,388 required for the maintenance of these schools during the year, the State paid Rs. 2,715 and the people Rs. 1,673. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 4,386, Rs. 2,738 and Rs. 1,648.

The Middle Vernacular Schools sent up 120 candidates to the several public Examinations—1 to the Middle English, 16 to the Middle Vernacular, 35 to the Upper Primary and 68 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of these 102 passed—60 in the first division, 33 in the second and 9 in the third. The percentage of passes rose slightly from 84 to 86·5.

141. *Special Schools.*—The number of special Schools continued to be 3 as in the previous year. This comprised the Sudder Nagri School for imparting education in Nagri, Sudder Madrasa for education in Arabic, Persian, etc. and the Anjuman Islamia Institution for general education of Mahomedan pupils.

The number of students on the rolls of these 3 schools on the 31st March last, was 105 against 108 of the year before. Of these 35 were Hindus and 70 Mahomedans including 14 girls. The average attendance fell from 81 to 73 and the total expenditure from Rs. 692 to Rs. 566 of which the State contributed Rs. 425 and the people Rs. 141 against Rs. 420 and Rs. 272 respectively. The fall in the people's share in the burden is accounted for by the fact that during the previous year a fair sum had been spent for construction of a new house for the Anjuman Islamia Institution.

142. *Mahomedan Education.*—The number of Institutions for the special education of Mahomedan boys in the State on the 31st March 1929, was 12 including the Sudder Madrasa and the Anjumani Islamia Institutions which have been included in the Middle Vernacular Schools. The number of such institutions in the previous year was 14. Of these Schools 8 were aided and 4 unaided against 9 aided and 5 unaided in the preceding year. 1 aided and 1 unaided institutions were abolished as local help was not coming forth for their maintenance.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March 1929, was 391 with average daily attendance 288 against 393 and 275, respectively, for the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 1,809 of which the State's share was Rs. 525 and that of the people Rs. 1,284. The corresponding fugures in the previous year were Rs. 1,734, Rs. 552 and Rs. 1,182.

Over and above the sectarian Schools for Mahomedans, all other Institutions for general education in the State were largely attended by Mahomedan pupils. The total number of pupils returned from all educational institutions under this department on the 31st March 1929, was 14,142. Of these 4646 were Mahomedans against 14,127 and 3,899, respectively, in the preceding year.

143. *Primary schools.*—The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March, 1929:—

Class of School.	Students.			Expenditure.		
	No. of Institution.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1928	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
Aided 1928-29.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Upper Primary Schools ...	44	1914	1327	3,790	3,343	7,133
Lower Primary Schools ...	156	5325	3728	6,689	9,323	16,012
Night Schools	5	63	43	243	.....	243
Girls Schools	4	55	36	137	.....	137
Total ...	209	7387	5134	10,859	12,666	23,525
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	224	7565	5206	1,993	13,024	24,017
Un-aided 1928-29.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary Schools ...	72	2299	1637	.....	4,764	4,764
Night Schools	7	121	87	.....	177	177
Girls Schools	1	14	10	.....	24	24
Total ...	80	2434	1734	.....	4,935	4,935
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	78	2516	1768	.....	5,029	5,029
Grand total for 1928-29 ...	289	9821	6868	10,859	17,631	28,490
Corresponding figures for 1927-28.	282	10081	6974	10,993	18,553	29,046

144. *Upper Primary Schools.*—The number of Upper Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March 1929, was 44 against 45 on the same date in the preceding year. By redistribution of grants 5 bad Upper Primary Schools were reduced to the Lower Primary status, while 4 good Lower Primary Schools were given Upper Primary grants for their satisfactory work. On the other hand 3 bad Middle Vernacular Schools were reduced to the Upper Primary standard and 3 progressive Upper Primary Schools were raised to the Middle standard. The net result was, therefore, a decrease of 1 in the number of institutions of this type. The strength of these schools on the 31st March 1929, stood at 1,994 against 2,111 in the previous year showing a decrease of 167 pupils. The average daily attendance in them was 1,327 against 1,491 in the previous year. The average strength of each school was 44·18 against 46·9 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools in the year under report amounted to Rs. 7,133 of which the State paid Rs. 3,790 and the people Rs. 3,343 as compared with Rs. 7,999, Rs. 3,928 and Rs 4,071, respectively, in the previous year. The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 866, the State's share in it being Rs. 138 while that of the people Rs. 728.

The Upper Primary Schools sent up (4 Middle English and 16 Middle Vernacular) 20 candidates to the Middle, 75 to the Upper Primary and 144 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total number of 239 candidates 11 were absent and 176 were successful; 88 being placed in the first division, 71 in the second and 17 in the third, giving a percentage of passes 77·2 against 76·6 in the preceding year.

145. *Lower Primary schools.*—The number of Lower Primary Schools in the State was 228 of which 156 were aided and 72 unaided against 220, 150 and 70, respectively, in the previous year.

These 228 Lower Primary Schools had on their rolls on the 31st March 1929, 7,624 pupils and showed an average daily attendance of 5365 against 7732 and 5321, respectively, in the previous year. The average strength of a Lower Primary School was 38·4 against 35·1 in the preceding year.

The total expenditure incurred on these institutions during the year under report amounted to Rs. 20,776, of which Rs. 6,689 were paid by the

State and Rs. 14,087 by the people against Rs. 20,439, Rs. 6,697 and Rs. 13,742, respectively, in the previous year.

The following comparative table gives the results of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations during the last two years :—

No.	Centre of Examination	1927-1928.						1928-1929.					
		Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.	Nos. of school.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.
				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.	
1	Sudder	71	227	134	49	183	21	65	178	106	36	142	8
2	Dinhata	65	200	77	60	137	17	69	179	84	47	131	5
3	Mathabhanga ..	59	219	139	53	192	5	57	203	88	94	182	3
4	Mekliganj... ...	52	177	104	43	147	14	45	154	102	40	142	5
5	Tufanganj	26	99	81	10	91	3	29	94	43	42	85	1
	Total ...	273	922	535	215	750	60	265	808	423	259	682	22

The total number of candidates enrolled for the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 229 different classes of schools was 808 against 922 candidates from 273 schools in the preceding year. Excluding the 22 absentees, 786 were actually examined.

Of these, 682 came out successful, 423 being placed in the first division and 259 in the second, giving a percentage of 86·7 passes against 87 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 510 was, as usual, distributed at different centres by the Superintendents of Examination to the Gurus and their successful candidates on the results of the examination.

146. *Night Schools.*—The number of Night Schools on the 31st March, 1929, was 11 of which 5 were aided and 6 unaided, against 12, 6 and 6, respectively in the previous year. There was a decrease of 1 in the number of such institutions.

The Night Schools had on their rolls 184 pupils, the average nightly attendance being 130. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were 176 and 122.

The total Expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 384 in the year under report towards which the State contributed Rs. 243 and the people Rs. 141 as compared with Rs 240 and 204, respectively, for the previous year showing thereby a decrease of Rs. 60.

In the year under report the Night Schools numbering 10 only sent up 13 candidates to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination of whom 12 came out successful, all being placed in the first division. In the previous year 14 were sent up and 10 passed.

147. *Girls Schools.*—The number of Girls Schools in the State on the 31st March, 1929, was 5 of which 4 were aided and 1 unaided against 5, 3 and 2, respectively, in the year preceding. The total number of schools for the exclusive education of girls including the Sub-divisional Girls Schools, which have been returned as Middle Vernacular Schools was 9. The total number of girls attending the several classes of institutions under the department was 808 against 666 in the preceding year, the number of schools being the same as in the previous year.

The 5 Lower Primary Girls Schools had 69 on their rolls on the 31st March, 1929, the average daily attendance being 46. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were 62 and 40.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls Schools amounted to Rs. 161, of which the State paid Rs. 137 and Rs. 24 only were paid by the people. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 164, Rs. 128 and Rs. 36.

The number of girls sent up to the various Scholarship Examinations was 57 against 50 in the previous year. Of these 2 appeared in Middle Vernacular,

10 in the Upper Primary and 45 in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 57 candidates 36 were placed in the First division and 16 in the second.

Of the year's Middle Scholarships 2 were won by the girls and of the Upper Primary Scholarships 3 were awarded to the girls in general competition with the boys. 5 scholarships are also being recommended for the girls in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. The first two places in the Middle Vernacular Scholarship Examination were occupied by girls. Two girls occupied the 2nd places in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination at Dinhata and Mathabhanga centres, respectively, while the first four places in the list of successful Lower Primary candidates at Mekliganj centre were secured by the girls.

148. *The Teachers' Provident Fund.*—The number of teachers paying contribution to the Fund was 57 against 58 in the preceding year, and the number of teachers completing their fifteen years' deposits was 14 against 13 in the previous year. The amount at the credit of the fund at the end of the year under review was Rs. 59,073-10-7, against Rs. 52,846-2-5, in the previous year. Of this amount, Rs. 12,850 was invested in Government Promissory Notes, Rs. 7,500 in Postal Cash Certificates, Rs. 5,231-4 in Government Promissory Notes for 1933, Rs. 10,325 in War Bond for 1935, Rs. 10,200 in Government Promissory Notes for 1935, Rs, 10,197-15-7 in Postal Savings Bank, Rs. 85-11-9 in the Cooch Behar Bank Limited (State Guaranteed), Rs. 2,245 in loan, and Rs. 438-11-3 was cash in hand. As usual the State paid its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund.

149. *Expenditure.*—Details of State expenditure under various heads, during the year under review, are given in the following table:—

Head of Expenditure.	Pay actually drawn.	Travelling allowance.	Peon and contingencies.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Inspector of Schools ...	1,742	942	.....	2,684
Deputy Inspector of Schools	1,189	404	152	1,745
Sub-Inspectors of Schools	1,932	556	432	2,920
Office Establishment ...	900	78	711	1,689
Total ...	5,763	1,980	1,295	9,038
Prizes and Rewards ...	...	...	...	943
*Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	2,486
Scholarships ...	...	...	...	1,336
Charges incurred by the State for the maintenance of schools ...				41,023
		Grand Total ...		54,826
*Repairs to State Model Schools ...		..	...	309
Purchase of Maps, Books and furniture ...		...	...	3 0
Contribution towards the cost of supplying furniture to the Sukandighi Lower Primary School.				80
Contribution towards the cost of supplying furniture and sinking a pucca well for the Pathantuli Upper Primary School.				150
Wool for the Sub-Divisional Girls Schools ...			...	16
Teachers' Provident Fund ..	...	...	...	500
Charges for conducting the Upper Primary and Middle Scholarship Examinations.				1,131
		Total ...		2,486

The aggregate expenditure on Primary and Secondary Schools amounted to Rs. 92,109 towards which the State contributed Rs. 41,023, and people Rs. 51,086. The corresponding figures for the previous year were Rs. 90,520, Rs. 40,135 and Rs. 50,385. There was thus an increase of Rs. 1,589 in the total expenditure, of which the State paid Rs. 888, and Rs. 701 was borne by the people.

Miscellaneous charges including scholarships, prizes and rewards amounted to Rs. 4,765 as against Rs. 4,058 in the year preceding, showing thereby an increase of Rs. 707.

The total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education, in the year under report, was Rs. 54,826, against Rs. 53,474, in the preceding year, as will appear from the foregoing statement.

A sum of Rs. 1,542 was collected as fees from the State Model Schools and remitted to the Treasury, against Rs. 1,612, in the previous year.

The sanctioned budget grant was Rs. 56,809. The charges for conducting the Primary and Middle Scholarship Examinations are entirely met from fees collected from the candidates, and have not been included therein. An additional sum of Rs. 380 was also sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of Education Budget for the purchase of maps, books and furniture. So, the sum placed at the disposal of the Department amounted to Rs. 57,189.

150. *Inspection.*—During the year under report, the officers of the Department inspected Schools, as follows:—

Names of officers.	Designations.	Circles.	Nos. of schools under inspection.	Nos. of visits paid.	Nos. of miles travelled.	Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Babu Jnanada Charan Ghose ... (March to May, 1928)	Inspector of Schools			36	793	237 15 0
Moulvi Mahomed Akbar Ali ... (1st June, 1928 to 6th January 1929)	Officiating Inspector of Schools	Cooch Behar	355	178	2,635	598 5 6
Srijut Hem Chandra Das Gupta (from the 7th January, 1929).	Inspector of Schools			27	625	105 4 0
Moulvi Mahomed Akbar Ali ... (March to May, 1928 and from 7th January 1929).	Deputy Inspector of Schools	Mathabhanga	80	106	1,085	252 0 0
Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal ... (from June 1928 to 6th January 1929).	Offg. Dy. Inspector of Schools			92	741	252 12 0
Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools	Mekliganj	79	93	910	154 12 0
Moulvi Sheikh Dayal Mohamed	"	Dinhata.	97	212	1,740	233 10 0
" Mukunda Nath Eshore ...	"	Sudder.	99	108	932	159 13 0
Srijut Priyabhusan Sen ...	Offg. "	"		118	1,037	197 7 0

It may be noted that Babu Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B. A., paid 36 visits, and travelled over 793 miles.

Moulvi Mahomed Akbar Ali, B. A., officiated as Inspector of Schools, from 1st June, 1928, to 6th January, 1929. As Inspector of Schools he paid 178 visits and travelled over 2635 miles. As Deputy Inspector of Schools for the rest of the year, he paid 106 visits and travelled over 1085 miles. He paid 284 visits in all, and travelled over 3720 miles. Srijut Hem Chandra Das Gupta, M.A., Inspector of Schools took over charge on the 7th January, 1929, and paid 27 visits and travelled over 625 miles.

Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal, B. Sc., officiated as Deputy Inspector of Schools from 1st June, 1928, to 6th January, 1929. As Deputy Inspector he paid 92 visits and travelled over 741 miles. As Sub-Inspector for the rest of the year, he paid 96 visits, and travelled over 910 miles. He paid 188 visits during the year and travelled over 1651 miles.

Moulvi Sheikh Dayal Mahomed, B. A., paid 212 visits during the year, and travelled over 1740 miles. He was on privilege leave for a month, with effect from 1st June, 1928.

Srijut Mukunda Nath Eshore, B. A., paid 108 visits during the year, and travelled over 932 miles. He was on privilege leave for 2 months, with effect from 7th November, 1928, and on medical leave in continuation for a month and a half.

Srijut Priya Bhusan Sen, B. A., officiated as Sub-Inspector of Schools for about 9 months. He paid 118 visits and travelled over 1037 miles.

The Inspecting staff and the office clerks continued to work well.

II.—Victoria College.

151. *Charge.*—Srijut Monoratha Dhan Dey, M. A., held charge of the Victoria College as well as of the Jenkins School and the Boarding Institutions throughout the year under report.

152. *Number on the rolls.*—The average monthly number on the rolls was 220·6 against 258·8 in the preceding year showing a decrease of 38·2.

The number on the 31st March 1929 was 225 against 248 on the corresponding date in 1928 showing a decrease of 23 or 9·27 per cent.

The highest number of students on the rolls reached in August 1928 was 236 against 285 in August 1927. They were distributed as follows :—

1st	year	I. A.	...	35
"	"	I. Sc.	...	40
2nd	"	I. A.	...	30
"	"	I. Sc.	...	55
3rd	"	B. A.	...	16
		B. Sc.	...	9
4th	"	B. A.	...	35
		B. Sc.	...	16
		Total	...	236

153. *Free-students.*—Of the students on the rolls on the 31st March 1928, 24 or 10·6 per cent were free students against 20 or 8·03 per cent in the preceding year.

The free students were classed as follows :—

Natives	14
Other Free-students (local or sons of State servants).	10
	24

These figures include the inmates of the Rajgun Boarding Institution and recognised Rajguns who are, as a rule, entitled to free-studentships in the College.

154. *Average daily attendance.*—The average daily attendance was 151·84 in the year under report as against 154·37 in the previous year. Percentage of attendance was 68·83 as against 83·09 in the previous year. It may be noted here that these low figures of attendance were due to the fact that the 2nd and 4th year classes did not sit for 3 months (January to March) after the Test Examinations.

155. *Admissions.*—One hundred and fifty-five students were admitted during the year under report against 162 and 186 in the two preceding years *viz.*, 1927-28 and 1926-27.

156. *University Examinations.*—The following statement gives the number of students sent up for the various University Examinations in the year 1929 :—

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	22	46	40(*a*)	16(*b*)

(*a*) With 3 Honours in English.

(*b*) With 3 Honours in Mathematics.

157. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached Messes were licensed by the University for the residence of the College students during the year under report:—

(1) The College Hindu Hostel.

(2) The Moslem Hostel.

(3) The Santi Kutir Mess.

158. *Leave and appointments &c.*—No member of the College staff was on leave other than casual during the year under report and no new appointments were made.

159. *Physical Training.*—The College students played Football, Hockey, as in previous years. Sports were, as usual, organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day celebrations on the 6th March 1929.

160. *Discipline.*—Was on the whole satisfactory.

All the members of the College staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

161. The following comparative statement shows the receipts and expenditure for the year 1928-29.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Establishment	45,069	12	4
2.	Contingencies	4,246	5	0
	Total ...	49,316	1	4
3.	Receipts from fees	13,845	8	0
4.	State grant	35,470	9	4
5.	Cost of educating each student ...	223	8	10
6.	State share of the cost per head ...	160	12	8

It will be seen from the above that the State share of the cost per head, which had been Rs. 117-1-2 in previous year, increased to Rs. 160-12-8 or by Rs. 43-11-6 per capita. This is due to the falling off in the number of students on the rolls.

III.—Jenkins School.

162. *Charge.*—Srijut Manindra Nath Ray, M. A., Head Master, held direct charge of the School throughout the year.

163. *Numerical Strength.*—On the 31st March, 1929, there were 554 pupils on the rolls of the School, against 541 in the previous year.

Of the total number, 527 were Hindus and 27 Mahomedans, against 501 and 40, respectively, in the year preceding.

The total number of local pupils was 540, against 527 of the year before. Of the total number, 515 were Hindus and 25 Mahomedans against 490 and 37, respectively, in the previous year.

The total number of foreign pupils was 14 against the same number in the previous year. 12 of them were Hindus and 2 Mahomedans against 11 and 3, respectively, in the previous year.

The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 129, against the same number in the preceding year. Of the total number, 106 were Hindus and 23 Mahomedans.

These figures were 96 and 33, respectively, in the previous year.

164. *Attendance.*—The average number on the rolls was 513·75, average attendance 459·88 and percentage of attendance 89·51 against 512·36, 460·18 and 89·60, respectively, in the preceding year.

165. *Annual Examination.*—At the Annual Examination of 1928, 480 boys appeared, 308 passed in all subjects and 392 were promoted. The percentage of pass was 64·1 and that of promotion 81·7 against 481, 287, 370, 59·7 and 74·2, respectively, in the previous year.

166. *University Examination.*—In 1928, 22 boys were sent up for the Matriculation Examination; all appeared, and 21 came out successful—15 being placed in the 1st division and 6 in the 2nd. The percentage of pass was 95·4. Of the candidates sent up, 19 were Hindus and 3 Mahomedans. Of the successful candidates 19 were Hindus and 2 Mahomedans. Four Cooch Behari pupils appeared, of whom 2 were Hindus and 2 Mahomedans.

Of the 4 Cooch Behari pupils sent up, 3 came out successful of whom 2 were Hindus and 1 Mahomedan.

In 1929, 22 boys were sent up for the Matriculation Examination; 21 being Hindus and 1 Mahomedan.

There were 5 Cooch Behari candidates, of whom 4 were Hindus and 1 Mahomedan. Out of 22 boys sent up 12 came out successful, 10 being placed in the 1st division and 2 in the 2nd.

167. *Free Studentships.*—In the year under review, there were 43 free students in the Institution against 45 in the previous year and they were grouped as follows:—

Rajgons	2
Rajgon Boarders	9
Scholars	3
Ex-Scholars	3
Ordinary free	25
Special free	1

These figures were 4, 10, 3, 2, 25 and 1, respectively, in the previous year.

168. *Finance.*—The income and expenditure of the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year are given below:—

		1927-28.			1928-29.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
(*a*)	Income	10,747	6	0	10,554	3	6
(*b*)	Expenditure ...	24,983	0	10	26,541	2	8
(*c*)	State share of the cost	14,235	10	10	15,986	15	2
(*d*)	Total cost per boy ...	48	12	2	51	7	5
(*e*)	State share of the cost per boy.	27	12	6	31	1	10

169. *Discipline.*—In 1928-29, there was no case of serious breach of discipline and the boys' conduct was satisfactory in and out of School.

170. *Sports and Games.*—The Inter-class Tournaments were held as usual with the exception of the Hockey Tournament which was postponed on account of the School being closed earlier for an outbreak of small-pox epidemic in the Town. The other trophies were won by the classes as noted against them—

Cricket	1st Class.
Football	2nd Class A.
Senior Kapaty	5th Class A.
Junior Kapaty	7th Class A.

There were 7 affiliated Football clubs of the boys of the School with separate play-grounds of their own and each club was supplied with a Football by way of encouragement.

The Annual Sports were held on the 6th of March 1929 on the Founder's Day as usual.

The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 1,264-0-8 against Rs. 1,127-0-7 in the previous year.

171. *Staff.*—Srijut Pravat Chandra Guha, 6th Assistant teacher, was on privilege leave for 3 months with effect from the 2nd January 1929, Srijut Gopal Krishna Bhattacharya, M.A., 9th Assistant teacher, was on combined leave for 6 months with effect from the 28th July 1928.

Moulvi Abdul Halim, the 12th Assistant teacher, was on privilege leave for one month and 15 days with effect from the 28th March, 1928.

Srijut Durga Charan Sarkar, the Head Clerk, was on leave without pay for 1 month with effect from the 23rd July, 1928.

These temporary vacancies were filled up as soon as possible. Srijut Nabin Chandra Chakravarty, 2nd Clerk, retired on medical grounds with effect from the 19th July, 1928, and Srijut Jitendra Narayan Majumdar was appointed to the post, on probation for two years with effect from the 20th August, 1928.

172. *Medical Examination of Students.*—During the year under review all the boys of the School were thoroughly examined by the Medical Department of the State under the direct supervision of the Civil Surgeon from the 10th September to the 12th October, 1928.

IV.—Boarding Institutions.

General.

173. *Staff.*—There was no change in its personnel.

174. *Health and Sanitation.*—On the whole satisfactory, there being no case of serious illness. There were a few cases of chicken pox in the Rajgun Boarding Institution which was, in consequence, closed for 12 days from the 28th April, 1928. One Standpost was erected by the Water Works Department for the supply of drinking water in the Boarding Institutions.

175. *Diet.*—The quality of diet was on the whole satisfactory.

176. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular. Strict measures were adopted to ensure regularity in attendance.

177. *Physical Culture.*—Boarders were encouraged to take indoor and outdoor exercises in the Institutions. Many of them took active part in the College Games and Sports.

A.—*College Hindu Hostel.*

178. It received a monthly subsidy of Rs. 30 from the State. The monthly fee was Rs. 14 including tiffin up to July, 1928, and Rs. 11-8 from August, 1928 excluding tiffin. The system of providing tiffin from the Hostel had to be discontinued as it failed to satisfy those it was meant for.

The average monthly number on the roll was 53·5 as against 61·5 in the previous year and 63·25 of the year before last.

179. *Results of the University Examinations, 1928:—*

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	8	3	
B. Sc.	6	1	
I. A.	11	6	One in 1st division, two in 2nd and three in 3rd.
I. Sc.	17	11	Seven in 1st division, three in 2nd and one in 3rd.

180. The total receipts including the cash balance of Rs. 5,191-8-10 of the previous year and expenditures were Rs. 3,083-0-1 and Rs. 8,257-6-6, respectively, showing a cash balance of Rs. 4,825-9-7.

B.—*Rajgun Boarding Institution.*

The monthly stipend including tiffin was Rs. 14.

The average monthly number on the roll was 18·6 as against 15 in the previous year and 16·58 of the year before.

181. The number of new admissions was 7. There were 11 boys reading in the School and 8 in the College in March, 1929, of whom 6 were Rajguns and 13 non-Rajguns.

The tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was satisfactory.

182. *Results of the University and Annual Examinations, 1928:—*

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	1	...	
I. A.	2	1	
I. Sc.	1	...	
Annual Examination	12	11	

Total receipts and expenditures amounted to Rs. 4,644 and Rs. 4,325-14, respectively, showing savings of Rs. 318-2 only.

C.—*Moslem Boarding Institution.*

183. The number of students on the rolls on the 31st March, 1929 was 9 both in the School and College Sections.

184. The average monthly number on the roll was 10·9 per cent in both the sections.

185. The discipline of the Institution was satisfactory.

186. The health of the boarders was generally good.

187. The sanitation of the Institution was satisfactory.

188. The progress of the boarders of this Institution in studies is as follows:—

Two of the boarders appeared at the B. A. Examination of 1928, both of them were unsuccessful and 3 had appeared at the I. Sc. Examination of whom 2 passed. In the year under report one B. A. and one I. A. students appeared at the University Examinations.

189. Up to the 31st March, 1929, State subsidy amounting to Rs. 360 was drawn from the Treasury to meet the allowance of the Superintendent and the servants.

190. The total receipts and expenditures during the year under review were, respectively, Rs 2,008-6 and Rs. 1,830-1-3 leaving a cash balance of Rs. 178-4-9 on the 31st March, 1929. Of the total receipt of Rs. 2,008-6 the sum of Rs. 360 was drawn from the Treasury as State subsidy and the balance of Rs 1,648-6 was realised as fees from the boarders.

V.—SUNITY ACADEMY.

191. *Charge.*—Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar Secretary to the Managing Committee of the Academy, was in charge of the Institution throughout the year under report.

192. *Numerical strength.*—On the 31st March, 1929, there were 280 girls on the rolls of the Academy against 254 on the corresponding date in the previous year.

Of the total number 269 were Hindus and 11 Mahomedans against 237 and 17, respectively, in the previous year. All the girls were local residents. The total number of Cooch Behari girls was 20 against 23 in the preceding year, of whom 12 were Hindus and 8 Mahomedans against 6 and 17, respectively, in the preceding year.

193. *Attendance.*—The average number on the rolls was 242·41, the average attendance 207·27 and the percentage of attendance 68· as compared with 213·41, 201·36 and 84·01, respectively, in the preceding year.

194. *Annual Examinations.*—Results of the last Annual Class Examinations were on the whole satisfactory.

Special care was taken in teaching music, drawing and sewing.

195. *University Examination.*—One girl named Srimati Binapani Basu, the first candidate from the Institution, appeared in the last Matric Examination, (1929) and passed in the 1st Division.

196. *Free Studentships.*—In the year under review, there were 19 free girls of all classes against 12 of the previous year. They were grouped as follows:—

Rajgun	8
Cooch Behari Student	1
Other than Rajguns	10

197. *Finance.*—The income and expenditure of the year under report as compared with the preceding year are given below:—

	Years.					
	1927-28			1928-29.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Income	612	12	0	643	8	3
Expenditure	8,044	0	4	9,227	10	4

198. *Discipline.*—The discipline amongst the girls was satisfactory.

199. *Sports and Games.*—Arrangement was made for playing Badminton and some in-door games and also sporting

Drill was taught to the girls by one of the mistresses.

200. *Prizes.*—The prizes and the special prizes were awarded to the meritorious girls by His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur on the 27th March, 1929, while Your Highness presided over the meeting on the occasion.

201. *Buildings.*—A commodious building for the Academy was completed and the quarters for the mistresses to accommodate 4 teachers were ready for occupation at the close of the year under report.

202. *Staff.*—The following changes took place in the teaching staff in the year under report.

Miss Prakriti Gupta, M.A., Head Mistress, left the service on the 14th January, 1929, and Miss Arunbala Nandi, B.A., Assistant Head Mistress, temporarily promoted to the post.

Miss Bharati Debi, B.A., and Miss Nihar Haldar, Assistant Mistresses of the Accademy, also left the service during the year.

VII.—STATE LIBRARY

203. *Charge.*—Srijut Charu Chandra Dutt, B. L., held the post of the Librarian throughout the year.

Statement "A" shows that during the year under report 29 English books and 48 Bengali books against 60 and 50, respectively, in the previous year were purchased.

Statement "B" shows the number of newspapers, magazines, etc., subscribed or received free for the State Library.

Statement A.

No.	Languages.	No. of books on 31st March 1928.	No. of books purchased during the year 1928-29.	Total on the 31st March 1929.
1.	English ...	9,084	29	9,113
2.	Bengali ...	1,586	48	1,634
3.	Sanskrit ...	176	...	176
4.	Urdu and Persian	111	...	111
5.	Manuscripts	118	...	118
6.	Foreign Languages	133	...	133
7.	Picture Albums	50	...	50
	Total ...	11,258	77	11,335

Statement B.

Names of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed for or received free.

No.	Names.	No. of copy.		
1.	Statesman	1	Daily	Subscribed.
2.	Amrit Bazar Patika	1	,,	,,
3.	Pioneer (Allahabad)	1	,,	,,
4.	Times of India (Bombay)	1	Weekly	,,
5.	Times (London)	1	,,	,,
6.	Graphic	1	,,	,,
7.	Punch	1	,,	,,
8.	Cooch Behar Gazette	1	Fortnightly	Free.
9.	Strand Magazine...	1	Monthly	Subscribed.
10.	Mysore Economic Journal	1	,,	,,
11.	19th Century and After	1	,,	,,
12.	Review of Reviews	1	,,	,,
13.	Modern Review	1	,,	,,
14.	Probashi	1	,,	,,
15.	Manashi-O-Marmabani	1	,,	,,
16.	Cooch Behar Administration Report ...	1	Annual.	Free.

VIII.—MEDICAL.

204. *Charge.*—Srijut Dineshananda Chakravarti, L. M. S., Civil Surgeon, was in charge of the Medical Department throughout the year.

Srijut Tarani Mohan Ghosh, B. Sc., M. B., Sanitary Officer, held the direct charge of the Public Health Department under the control of the Civil Surgeon.

205. *General Health.*—The general health of the State during the year under report was on the whole fair, with the exception of the two diseases of small-pox and cholera, both of which appeared in epidemic form and were the cause of considerable mortality.

The following statement shows the number of cases of Cholera, Small-pox and Malarial fever during the last three years :—

	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.
Cholera	377	511	4,529
Smallpox	845	1,848	1,562
Malarial fever	17,259	19,765	18,219

206. *Cholera.*—As reported in the previous Annual Report, cholera imported from the Baruni Mela continued and spread throughout the State,

despite all efforts to check it. There were altogether 4,520 attacks with 3,685 deaths. The percentage of death from cholera was 81·36. The increased number of death was mainly due to scarcity of pure drinking water and late information of the outbreaks in taluks.

207. *Small-pox.*—Small-pox which broke out in an epidemic form from the beginning of 1928, continued in Sudder, Tufangunj and Dinhata Sub-divisions. There were altogether 1,562 cases with 254 deaths against 1,848 cases with 332 deaths. The percentage of death being 16·26 against 17·20 in the previous year.

208. *Vaccination.*—The annexed table "S" shows the number of Vaccination operation with the result. The total number of persons vaccinated was 47,777 against 41,691 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 90·02 against 88·07 in the preceding year.

Temporary arrangements were made for water supply at all Melas.

209. *Malaria.*—The attendance of patients in the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State shows that the number of malaria cases was smaller than that of the previous year.

Six thousand Quinine tabloids were distributed during the year under report against 8,000 in the previous year, as a preventive measure against malaria.

210. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The In-door wards of the Sitalkhuchi Hospital and the Nishiganj Dispensary were closed from May, 1928. There was no other change in the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State during the year.

211. *Attendance of patients.*—Table "O" shows the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State, during the year under report. The total number of out-patients treated was 54,381 against 57,539 in the previous year.

The Spleen Index Register kept in the Sudder Hospital showed that out of 1,293 children examined, 372 had enlarged spleen. The percentage of spleen cases was thus 28·77. The spleen index registers kept in other Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State showed that out of 5,856 children examined 2,191 had enlarged spleen. The precentage of spleen cases was thus 37·41.

The total number of in-patients treated in the various Hospitals of the State, during the year under report was 1,511 against 1,436 in the preceding year. The percentage of death among in-patients was 8·21 against 6·67 in the previous year. The increased mortality during the year under report was due to cholera patients admitted at Sudder Hospital.

The total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Cottage Hospital was 25 against 28 during the preceding year. A sum of Rs. 202-8 was realised as Cottage Hospital charges against Rs. 185 in the previous year.

212. *Surgical operations.*—The total number of surgical operations, both major and minor, performed in the various Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State, during the year under report was 896 against 1,000 in the previous year. Out of the total number, 55 were major of which 35 were performed in the Sudder Hospital and the remaining 20 in other Hospitals of the State against 48 and 16, respectively, in the preceding year.

Table "P" shows the number of major operations performed in the various Hospitals of the State, during the year under report with their results.

213. *Prevalent diseases.*—Table "Q" gives a list of most prevalent diseases in the State Hospitals and Dispensaries with the results obtained. Malaria heads the list and next the skin diseases.

214. *Mortality.*—Table "R" shows the particulars of mortality of the in-patients treated in the various Hospitals of the State during the year under report.

It will be seen that out of 1,193 cases treated during the year there were 98 deaths, the percentage of death being 8·21 against 6·67 in the previous year.

215. *Prescriptions*.—The total number of prescriptions served in the Sudder Hospital was 18,597 against 17,780 in the previous year. The total number of prescriptions served in the other Hospitals and Dispensaries was 7,163 against 5,963 of the previous year.

216. *Jail Hospital*.—The general health of the Sudder Jail was good. The administration of Quinine and Castor oil as routine practice to all prisoners proved successful in checking malaria and bowel complaint. The practice of compulsory vaccination and re-vaccination of prisoners at the time of admission was continued. The following table furnishes the health statistics of the Jail :—

		1927-28	1928-29.
1.	Daily average population	104·01	99·41
2.	Total admission into the Hospital on account of sickness	41	16
3.	Average sick	0·77	1·12
4.	Deaths	1	1
5.	Percentage of death...	2·22	6·25

No serious epidemic broke out during the year under report.

Twenty-one cases of Dysentery, 131 cases of malarial fever, 10 cases of diseases of Nervous system, 8 cases of diseases of eye, 8 cases of ear disease, 33 cases of respiratory diseases, 72 cases of diarrhœa, 40 cases of dyspepsia, 33 cases of other diseases of digestive system, 9 cases of ulcers, 61 cases of local diseases, 27 cases of local injuries occurred during the year under report of which one case from ulcer ended fatally.

217. *Post-Mortem Examination*.—The total number of Post Mortem Examination held in the State during the year was 20, against 14 in the preceding year, of which 15, against 13 in the previous year, were held in the Sudder Morgue.

218. *Vital Statistics*.—The statement below shows the births and deaths with their respective rates per thousand of population in the State of Cooch Behar, for the last three years :—

Years.	Births.	Birth rate.	Deaths.	Death rate.
1926-27	8,191	13·80	8,447	14·24
1927-28	7,649	12·90	6,893	11·63
1928-29	8,891	14·83	10,387	17·54

The statement below shows the birth and death rate per thousand of population in the town of Cooch Behar for the last three years :—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1926-27	5·32	10·67
1927-28	2·96	6·80
1928-29	7·32	12·39

219. *Meteorological Observations*.—The highest temperature recorded at Sudder stations was 101° on the 7th and 8th June, 1928 and the lowest 49° on the 7th February, 1929.

The annexed table "T" shows the total rain-fall of the year under report and that of the last nine years It was 132·80 inches against 159·01 inches in the previous year. The average rain-fall of the last ten years was 155·84 inches.

The rain-gauges were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report.

220. *Maternity cases*.—The Midwife attached to the Sudder Hospital attended 91 Maternity cases, of which 43 were male and 48 females. Out of the total number, one case was twins, 8 were still-born and 6 were difficult labour cases and had to be attended by Surgeons.

The Tufangunj and the Mekligunj Sub-divisions were each provided with a Midwife. In the latter place the cost was partly met by the State and partly by local contributions. The total number of maternity cases attended by each of the Tufangunj and Mekligunj Midwives was 15 and 14 against 14 and 15, respectively, in the previous year.

One Midwife was employed at Dinhata and one at Mathabhanga, the cost being borne by the Town Committees of those two places.

Three female nurses and one male nurse were in service in the Sudder Hospital during the year under report.

221. *Miscellaneous remarks.*—

(*a*) The total number of patients from Government Districts treated in the various Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State was 1,500 against 2,091 in the previous year.

(*b*) The total number of Railway servants treated in the Sudder Hospital was 20 against 5 in the previous year, of which one was treated in the Rajmata Cottage Hospital.

(*c*) The total number of patients sent for Anti-rabic treatment during the year was 5 against 19 in the previous year.

222. *Inspections.*—The Hospitals, Dispensaries, Sudder Jail and Sub-Jails, Police stations and Police Out-posts were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report. Several schools were also inspected by him. The health of the students of Jenkins School was examined by the Sanitary Officer of the State assisted by the Sanitary Inspector of the Sudder Circle and Srijut Radha Charan Karmaker, Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

The Civil Surgeon was away from Head-quarters on duty for 67 days against 81 days in the previous year.

223. *Receipt.*—The statement below shows the receipts of the Department under different heads of the last three years :—

Heads.	1926-27			1927-28.			1928-29.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Prescription fees... ...	1,456	15	0	1,307	4	0	1,377	2	0
Sale proceeds of medicines ...	928	3	6	1,089	15	6	1,083	9	0
Ditto bottles, &c. ...	69	11	0	72	12	6	82	7	0
House rent of the Rajmata Cottage Hospital.	247	0	0	184	0	0	202	8	0
Subscriptions for the aided Dispensaries.	1,396	0	0	1,362	0	0	1,068	0	0
Total ...	4,097	13	6	4,016	0	0	3,813	13	0

224. *Expenditure.*—Table "V" shows the total expenditure of the State Hospitals and Dispensaries during the year under report. It amounted to Rs. 34,424-1-7 against Rs. 32,572-3-5 in the previous year. The increase was mainly due to the increment of the pay of the staff.

The total expenditure for maintaining the whole Department (including the Public Health Department) was Rs. 76,962-8-4 against Rs. 67,385-0-7 in the previous year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to the increment of the monthly pay of the staff and the severe epidemics of Cholera and Small-pox.

IX.—VETERINARY.

225. *Charge.*—Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, G.B.V.C., Stationary Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, was in charge of the Veterinary Hospital in the Cooch Behar Town throughout the year under report.

Srijut Abani Mohan Sanyal, G.B.V.C., 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, (Touring Officer) was in charge of the three Sub-divisions,—Sudder, Dinhata and Tufangunj, with his head quarters at Sudder.

Srijut Hem Chandra Sen Gupta, G.B.V.C., the 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, (Touring Officer) was in charge of the Mathabhanga and Mekligunj Sub-divisions with his head quarters at Mathabhanga.

226. In the Veterinary Hospital at Cooch Behar 1840 fresh cases were treated during the year; *In-patients.*—12 Equinies, 40 bovines and 11 other animals. *Out-patients.*—229 Equines, 1278 bovines and 270 other animals as against 1983 fresh cases during the previous year—*In-patients.*—10 equines 44 bovines and 4 other animals; and the *Out-patients.*—265 equines, 1403 bovines and 257 other animals.

6286 old cases were also treated in the Hospital during the year—*In-patients*—being 145 equines, 590 bovines and 100 other animals; *Out-patients*, 673 equines, 3782 bovines and 996 other animals as against 5792 old cases of the year previous; *Inpatients*—being 127 equines, 474 bovines and 28 other animals and the *Outpatients.*—813 equines, 3563 bovines and 787 other animals, showing an increase of 494 old cases.

Medicines were supplied for 181 cases to the owners from different villages and for 88 cases within the town against 197 cases from the Mofussil and 79 cases from the town in the previous year.

The total number of surgical operations (both Major and Minor) performed by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at the Hospital as well as at owners residences was 272 against 102 in the previous year.

The Stationary Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Sudder Veterinary Hospital received 3 Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia and 7 Foot and Mouth out-break reports from the owners of cattle. He attended them all and protected 22 heads of cattle by injection of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia Serum and treated medically 23 cases of Foot and Mouth disease.

227. During the year under report the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon was out on tour for 119 days and visited 93 villages against 141 days and 139 villages in the year previous.

16 cases of Rinderpest, 29 cases of Foot and Mouth disease and 284 cases of non-contagious diseases were treated medically by him against 11 cases of Rinderpest, 26 cases of Foot and Mouth disease and 379 of non-contagious diseases in the previous year.

He received 17 out-break reports, both from Police Station and the villages *viz.* 4 of Rinderpest, 3 of Foot and Mouth disease, 4 of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia and 6 of other diseases against 11 out-break reports *viz.*, 4 of Rinderpest, 4 of Foot and Mouth and 3 of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia in the previous year. 250 heads of cattle were protected by him with anti-rinderpest serum. No inoculation was made against Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia as the disease subsided causing death of 20 cattle.

228. During the year under report the 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon was out on tour for 161 days and visited 114 villages against 166 days and 115 villages in the previous year.

He treated 1834 new and old cases for contagious and non-contagious diseases at head-quarters and mofussil against 3283 in the year previous.

28 outbreak reports were received by him. Of these 3 Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia, 6 Foot and Mouth disease were reported by the Police Stations. 8 Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia and 5 Foot and Mouth diseases were reported by the villagers and 1 Rinderpest detected by the Inspector, Civil Veterinary Department, against 5 Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia, 11 Rinderpest and 36 Foot and Mouth diseases in the previous year.

He attended all the cases reported and inoculated 106 heads of cattle with anti-rinderpest serum and 1808 with Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia Serum against 586 Rinderpest and 644 Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia cases in the year previous.

There were 14 deaths from Rinderpest and 55 from Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia against 39 deaths from Rinderpest and 36 from Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia in the previous year.

All the reports of out-breaks of Foot and Mouth disease were attended to and medically treated. No death from this disease was reported against 4 in the year previous.

229. *Cattle fairs.*—Three cattle fairs at Dinhata, Haldibari and Changrabandha were held in the State during the year. A large number of cattle was imported to these fairs from places outside the State, specially from Behar. The Veterinary staff attended the fairs in their respective jurisdictions and took all necessary measures to prevent an epidemic amongst the cattle. There was no out-break.

230. Propaganda work was well carried on during the tour by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

231. There were three studbulls under the Town Committee, Cooch Behar and one under the Town Committee of Mathabhanga. 338 cases were served by the bulls at Sudder against 195 in the previous year. The bull at Mathabhanga, being too heavy for local cows, is being disposed of.

232. The Veterinary Inspector, Jalpaiguri circle, inspected the Mathabhanga Dispensary on 6th and 7th May 1928. In September 1928 he inspected the Sudder Hospital as well as the stores and medicines of the second Veterinary Assistant Surgeon.

233. The cost of the Department during the year under report was as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	4,482	0	0
Medicine	1,266	2	0
Serum	922	8	0
Contingencies including conveyance menials.	374	7	0
Total ...	7,045	1	0

against Rs. 7,433 in the previous year.

X.—STATE PRESS.

234. *Charge.*—Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, was in-charge of the State Press throughout the year under report.

235. *Cooch Behar Gazette.*—The Gazette was as usual published regularly every fortnight on each alternate Monday. The number of persons taking the Gazette during the year under report was 259 of whom 175 were paying subscribers and the remainder, namely, 84 received the Gazette free of cost. A sum of Rs. 530 was received on account of subscriptions, against Rs. 567 in the preceding year.

236. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps of different values were printed as usual according to the requisition of the Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar.

237. *Printing of forms.*—1189 different forms, reports etc., were received from State offices for printing during the year against 1318 in the preceding year. Under the existing orders of the Regency Council, the printing of Annual Reports, forms, etc., of certain private institutions was executed free of cost as in the previous year.

238. *Finance.*—During the year under report the total receipts derived from subscriptions to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* and the sale proceeds of Law Books, packing materials etc. amounted to Rs. 600 against Rs. 657 and the total expenditure Rs. 20,904 against Rs. 19,146 in the previous year.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
W. G. HUTCHINSON,
LT.-COLONEL,
Vice-President, Regency Council,
General Department, Cooch Behar.

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C.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1928-29.*

1		2		3				4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14				15		16				17		18		19	20	
Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		No. received from other Districts.		No. received from the Lock-ups.		Total No. in Jail.		Trfd. to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jail, or to Forte Blair including those in transit.		Released.		Escaped.		Died.		Executed.		Total No. of columns 8 to 12.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.				Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.		No. the Jail is capable of containing at 500 cubic ft. per prisoner.		No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 2.	
				In Jail.		In Hospital.																						In Jail.		In Hospital.				Out of number in cols. 4, 5 and 6.		Out of number in col. 3.									
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.		M.	F.
35572	137	97·45	0·37	86	2	..	..	186	3	2	..	147	..	421	5	..	...	330	5	..	..	1	...	...	...	331	5	90	..	..	...	22	..	144	...	6	...	22·09	..	..	..	...		...

D.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1928-29.*

1		2		3		4				5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12				13		14				15	16	17	18
NAMES	LOCK-UPS.	Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		TOTAL.		Transferred to Sadder Jail including those in transit.		Released.		Died.		Escaped.		Total of columns 7 to 10.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-ups on the last day of the year.				No. convicted during the year out of total admitted as per column 5.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. the lock-ups are capable of containing at 500 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to column 3.	No. below capacity with reference to column 3.
						In Lock-up.		In Hospital.																In Lock-up.		In Hospital.				Out of No. in col. 5.		Out of No. in col. 4.						
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Dinhata ..	...	1393	50	3·81	0·13	4	..	...	...	135	5	139	5	38	..	92	5	..	..	..	..	130	5	9	..	..	..	29	...	106	5	4	..	11·67	18	....	11·95
Mathabhanga	..	2911	1	7·97	..	15	..	...	...	220	1	235	1	63	..	166	1	..	..	..	..	229	1	6	...	..	..	49	..	171	1	15	..	14·31	....	....	....
Mekliganj	...	1977	76	5·41	0·20	4	..	..	...	85	7	89	7	25	...	53	7	..	..	..	..	78	7	11	..	..	...	20	1	56	6	2	..	13·22	18	....	14·93
Toofanganj	...	509	...	1·39	..	..	..	...	..	60	..	60	..	31	..	28	..			..	..	59	..	1	..		...	14	...	46	..		...	4·63	....	....	....
Total	..	6790	127	18·58	0·33	23	..	..	..	500	13	523	13	157	..	339	13	..	..	..	..	496	13	27	..	..	..	112	1	379	12	21	...	43·83	.....	....	....

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,

E.—*Statement shewing the outturn of the manufacture of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1928-29.*

1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.			VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.								
YEAR.	Number of working day's in the year.	In the garden.	On all other manufactures.	TOTAL.	Value of articles sold to outsiders.	Value of articles sold for Jail use for which cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied for Jail use for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1929.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1929.	Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1929.	Total of columns 8, 9 10 and 11
					Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1928-29	306	2161	5738	7899	8,498 6 3	2,381 10 3	.....	.....	10,880 0 6	416 12 0	1,181 6 0	767 15 6	13,546 2 0

* Made over to the Ricemill Committee.

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1928.	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1928.	Deduct value of plant and machinery, &c. in store on the 31st March 1928.	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials, tools &c. in 1928-1929.	Total debits, as per cols. 13, 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retrenched.	Difference between cols. 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to jail for hire of prisoners employed in State works.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of labour of prisoners hired out to private parties.	Total of cols. 20, 22 & 23.	Cash realized and remitted to the Treasury during 1928-1929 on account of manufacture.	Total outstandings at the close of the year.
Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
188 7 3	4,608 8 6	829 8 6	5,330 4 3	10,956 12 6	.....	10,956 12 6	2,589 5 6	.....	61 0 0	.....	2,64[illegible] 5 6	11,263 4 9	302 11 3

	Rs. A. P.
(1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ...	11,194 4 6
(2) Hire of convicts	48 0 0
(3) Miscellaneous receipts	21 6 3
Total:	Rs. 11,263 4 9

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—*Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1928-1929.*

1	2	3	4	5				6			7			8			9		
Name of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no excused labour on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts &c.	Daily average number excused labour on account of Sundays and Holidays.	JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING CONVICT WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.				BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.			ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE			WORKING FOR HIRE.			TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.		
				Daily average number employed.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
						Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Cooch Behar Jail ..	87.63	6·66	16·72	27·84	28·45	0 6 0	5,145 0 0	4·33	0 6 0	463 2 0	22·52	0 6 0	2,885 4 0	0·26	0 6 0	30 0 0	34·95	0 6 0	6,278 6 0

10															11			12		
ON JAIL GARDEN.															ON MANUFACTURE &c.			TOTAL OF 8, 10 and 11.		
Extent of ground under cultivation.	Weight of vegetables produced.	Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from bazar for the prisoners' use.		Average number employed, including fruit garden and for cultivation of field crops.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.		G.	H.		Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total daily average number of prisoners employed.	Total profit.	Average profit.
					Value of vegetables supplied to prisoners for which payment was not made.	Value of vegetables &c. supplied to prisoners for which payment was made.	Value of vegetables sold to outsiders.	Total of columns A, B and C.	Deduct cost of tools, seeds, &c.	Actual profit. D minus E profit.	E minus D loss.	Total earning for the year.	Average earning per head.							
Bighas	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
12	240 0 0	21 2 0	111 14 3	6·75	.....	569 2 3	315 8 3	*884 10 6	298 8 6	586 2 0	.....	586 2 0	87 7 8		18·76	2,922 2 0	107 12 7	80·46	8,881 10 0	110 6 2

* Inclusive [illegible]

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—Statement showing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1928-1929.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR							AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF				
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunatics at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited *vide*, column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
19 2 0	7,324 12 4	7,840 15 0	5,465 1 9	20,649 15 1	8,881 10 0	11,768 5 1	0 3 1	74 13 8	80 2 4	55 13 8	211 0 9

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—*Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1928-29.*

1		2	3
Jail offences.		Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work	18	Loss of rimission	10
Having forbidden articles in possession...	18	Corporal punishment ...	.....
Assault &c.	...	Degradation from Warder's post	1
Other breaches of Jail rules ...	8	Putting on Link fethers ...	1
Offences relating to escape	...	Wearing gunny suits ...	2
		Putting in solitary cells ...	2
		Judiciay punished ...	.....
		Warned	20
		Standing Hand-cuff	1
		Cross Bar fetters	.....
		Hard Labour	1
		Bar fetters	.....
		Night Hand-cuff	6
		Penal diet	.....
Total ...	44	Total ...	44

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1928-1929.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.				RECEIPTS.		Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		Or account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
4	18·89	4,103 7 3	2,032 1 10	6,189 9 1	24 12 9	.....	24 12 9	6,164 12 4	217 7 1	110 3 6	326 5 7	

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer in charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

J. *General Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar State, for the year 1928-1929.*

Item No.	HEADS OF SERVICE.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28.		*Expenditure for* 1928-29.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Public Works	5,19,899		6,87,508	
2	Palace	70,016		61,965	
3	Communication	1,24,127		1,47,419	
	Total ...		7,14,042		8,96,892
	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	74,886	74,886	52,756	52,756
	Grand Total ...	.....	7,88,928	.....	9,49,648
	RECEIPTS.				
	Receipts	9,951		16,477	
	Total Receipts ...		9,951		16,477

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

Detailed abstract of expenditure for the year 1928-29.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28.		*Expenditure for* 1928-29.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	ORIGINAL WORKS.				
1	Jail	1,187		14,983	
2	Police	47,647		24,368	
3	Educational	6,737		32,321	
4	Medical	47,755		38,139	
5	Revenue	766		.....	
6	Judicial...	.....		17,231	
7	Registration	.....		.....	
8	Ecclesiastial	5,315		.....	
9	Dak Bungalows	1,892		1,910	
10	Military	.....		76,403	
11	Residential	52,220		80,557	
12	Electrical	49,719		24,071	
13	Miscellaneous	91,246		1,09,990	
14	Miscellaneous Public Improvement	94,500		1,48,478	
15	Forest	1,317		759	
	Total Original Works ...		4,00,301		5,69,210
	REPAIRS.				
16	Jail	1,048		1,276	
17	Police	2,908		296	
18	Educational	5,265		9,174	
19	Medical	2,327		2,381	
20	Revenue	1,383		1,920	
21	Ecclesiastical	4,420		6,725	
22	Dāk Bunglows	1,021		1,481	
23	Residential	19,263		18,829	
24	Miscellaneous	12,586		14,006	
25	Military	1,046		1,065	
26	Miscellaneous Public Improvement	7,424		8,481	
	Total Repairs ...		58,691		65,634
27	Total Tools and Plants ...	5,742	5,742	2,464	2,464
	ESTABLISHMENT.				
28	Public Works	44,952		48,261	
29	Dāk-Bungalows	2,130		1,973	
30	Lansdowne Hall	900		900	
	Total Establishment ...		47,982		51,134
	Add—Debits to Suspense heads ...	7,183	7,183	-934	-934
	Carried over total Public Works...		5,19,899		6,87,508

Detailed abstract of Expenditure for the year **1928-29.**

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1927-28. Amount.	Expenditure for 1927-28. Total.	Expenditure for 1928-29. Amount.	Expenditure for 1928-29. Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Total P.W.D....		5,19,899		6,87,508
	PALACE.				
	Cooch Behar.				
31	Original Works	6,663		.....	
32	Repairs...	33,888		29,265	
33	Miscellaneous	5,000		.....	
34	Establishment	643		720	
	Total—Palace, Cooch Behar ...		46,194		29,985
	PALACE.				
	Woodlands.				
35	Repairs	8,065		15,224	
36	Miscellaneous	14,948		14,948	
37	Establishment	809		987	
	Total Palace Woodlands ...		23,822		31,159
	PALACE.				
	Darjeeling.				
38	Original Works	.....		821	
	Total Palace Darjeeling ...		.....		821
	Total Palace ...		70,016		61,965
	Communication.				
39	Original Works	41,503		70,707	
40	Repairs	80,018		73,389	
41	Contingencies	237		243	
42	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.	1,320		1,440	
43	Town Road Establishment ...	1,049		1,640	
	Total Communication ...		1,24,127		1,47,419
	Grand Total ...		7,14,042		8,96,892

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar.

M.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Statement of Contribution Works for the year 1928-29.

Item No.	Names of works.	Amount of Estimates.	State grant.	Amount of contribution.	Expenditure during the year.	Expenditure u to date.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
1	Nripendra Narayan Memorial Hall at Mekligunj.	5,865	.....	5,865 0 0	.....	70 13 (
2	Anti-cholera Tube wells ...	.....	.....	3,600 0 0	18 4 6	3,597 7 :
3	Constructing Boundary Pillars in the State.	.....	.....	2,722 0 0	.....	2,694 13 :
4	Constructing Cooch Behar-Goalpara Boundary Pillars.	.....	.....	6,962 0 0	4 0 0	6,845 6 :
5	Constructing Projabatsal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya at Cooch Behar.	1,78,250	77,825	1,78,250 6 3	41,724 0 6	1,68,092 14 11
6	Nripendra Narayan Memorial Boarding at Debiganj.	275	.....	275 0 0	.....	212 0 9
7	Well for the School Building compound at Debiganj.	144	.....	144 0 0	59 12 3	143 12 3
8	Construction of a Hostel for the Hindu boys of Nripendra Narayan High English School at Debiganj.	5,706	.....	6,206 0 0	3,409 11 6	5,957 4 0
9	Repairs to G. T. Survey Station, Project No. III.	.....	.....	32 0 0	0 13 3	32 0 0
10	Repairs to temple in the house of Babu Jogendra Narayan Roy in the town, Project No. I.	.....	.....	25 0 0	22 5 3	25 0 0
11	Shooting Camp at Takuamari ...	.....	.....	2,052 13 9	35 11 9	2,052 13 9
12	Providing brick nogging wall, additional room, bath room and Verandah to the Assistant Manager's quarters at Debiganj.	.....	.....	1,750 0 0	804 0 6	1,746 13 3
13	Construction of a pucca well at Mahamaya Dham.	.....	.....	889 0 0	484 5 0	514 2 0
14	Repairs to Court of Wards Building	.....	.....	100 0 0	0 4 6	100 0 0
15	Repairs to temple in the house of Babu Jogendra Narayan Roy in the town, Project No. II.	.....	.....	25 0 0	9 4 0	25 0 0
16	Pucca well at Panisala	.....	400	450 0 0	132 8 0	155 5 9
17	Extention of Sunity Academy ...	.....	.....	26,100 0 0	16,637 14 9	16,657 14 9
18	Repairs to temple in the house of Babu Jogendra Narayan Roy in the town.	.....	.....	25 0 0	.....	.....
19	Construction of a Chowkidari shed at Dinhata.	.....	.....	2,722 0 0	.....	.....
	Total Rupees ...	.....	.....	2,38,195 4 0	63,3[illegible]2 15 9	2,08,903 9 6

S. C. MITRA,
State Engineer, P. W.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

N.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the Chaklajat Public Works Department for the year 1928-29.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1927-28.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1928-29.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingency.	1,550 0 0		1,987 0 0	
Total Establishment ...		1,550 0 0		1,987 0 0
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings	12 0 0		7,308 0 0	
Total Original Works ...		12 0 0		7,308 0 0
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	2,598 0 0		14,479 0 0	
Communication	119 0 0		95 0 0	
Miscellaneous	2 0 0		61 0 0	
Total Repairs ...		2,719 0 0		14,635 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...		4,281 0 0		23,930 0 0
RECEIPTS.				
Sale proceeds of old materials &c.	80 0 0		77 0 0	
Total Receipts ...		80 0 0		77 0 0

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. Department,

Cooch Behar State.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

N.—*Annual Statement of Expenditure of the Chaklajat P. W. D. for the year 1928-29.*

Serial No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1927-28. Total.	Expenditure for 1928-29. Annual.	Expenditure for 1928-29. Petty.	Expenditure for 1928-29. Total.
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
	Establishment.				
1	Pay of Sub-Overseer	412 0 0	480 0 0	.....	480 0 0
2	Peon	115 0 0	144 0 0	.....	144 0 0
3	Travelling and contingencies ...	837 0 0	1,216 0 0	.....	1,216 0 0
4	Chowkidar and Sweeper for Patgram Dâk Bungalow.	156 0 0	.....	.....	.....
5	Purchase of furniture	30 0 0	147 0 0	.....	147 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	1,550 0 0	1,987 0 0	.....	1,987 0 0
	ORIGINAL WORKS.				
6	Construction on an additional room for Manager's Residence at Debigunj.	.....	987 0 0	.....	987 0 0
7	Construction of a new Toke Kutchery at Kharibari.	12 0 0	1,817 0 0	.....	1,817 0 0
8	Conversion of the existing Tent Godown etc. attached to the Manager's office at Debigunj into Police Guards quarters.	.....	469 0 0	.....	469 0 0
9	Conversion of the Wooden frame of the strong room gratings into iron frame including double lock doors.	.....	812 0 0	.....	812 0 0
10	New kitchen with corrugated iron roof and mat wall for Police Guards.	.....	226 0 0	.....	226 0 0
11	New corrugated iron roofed Tent Godown with 10" Brick wall and terraced floor.	.....	1,003 0 0	.....	1,003 0 0
12	Providing pucca floor and corrugated iron sheet walling to the out houses of Boda Cutchery.	.....	1,300 0 0	.....	1,300 0 0
13	Reconstruction of a Debighar in Berubari Toke Kutchery.	.....	493 0 0	.....	493 0 0
14	3' diameter pacca well at the Staging Bungalow.	.....	201 0 0	.....	201 0 0
	Total Original Works ...	12 0 0	7,308 0 0	.....	7,308 0 0
	REPAIRS.—*Civil Buildings.*				
15	Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	182 0 0	189 0 0	.....	189 0 0
16	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	270 0 0	1,945 0 0	.....	1,945 0 0
17	Compounders' quarters at Debigunj	48 0 0	54 0 0	.....	54 0 0
18	Cholera shed at Debigunj ...	35 0 0	38 0 0	.....	38 0 0
19	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	4 0 0	400 0 0	.....	400 0 0
20	Guest house at Debigunj	121 0 0	127 0 0	.....	127 0 0
21	Manager's Residence at Debigunj	345 0 0	448 0 0	.....	448 0 0
22	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	218 0 0	266 0 0	.....	266 0 0
23	Ditto ditto at Debigunj ...	75 0 0	1,652 0 0	.....	1,652 0 0
24	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	143 0 0	205 0 0	.....	205 0 0
25	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters...	64 0 0	90 0 0	.....	90 0 0
26	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	12 0 0	1,616 0 0	.....	1,616 0 0
27	School Buildings in the Estates ...	335 0 0	342 0 0	.....	342 0 0
28	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram.	406 0 0	849 0 0	49	898 0 0
29	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	10 0 0	146 0 0	.....	146 0 0
30	Thorough repairs to Berubari Toke Kutchery.	.....	1,056 0 0	.....	1,056 0 0
31	Thorough repairs to Manager's quarters at Debigunj.	.....	2,680 0 0	.....	2,680 0 0
32	Temples in the Estates ...	330 0 0	1,141 0 0	.....	1,141 0 0
33	Repairs to Panga Toke Kutcheries ...	.....	1,186 0 0	.....	1,186 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	2,598 0 0	14,430 0 0	49	14,479 0 0
	Communication.				
34	Station Road	119 0 0	95 0 0	.....	95 0 0
	Total Communication ...	119 0 0	95 0 0	.....	95 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
35	Tangali Bund, Tanks and wells ...	2 0 0	61 0 0	.....	61 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	2 0 0	61 0 0	.....	61 0 0
	Grand Total ...	4,281 0 0	14,586 0 0	49	14,635 0 0
	Receipts.				
36	Sale Proceeds of old materials etc. ...	80 0 0	77 0 0	.....	77 0 0
	Total receipts ...	80 0 0	77 0 0	.....	77 0 0

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TABLE O.—*Showing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.*

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of in-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1928-1929.					
Sudder Dispensary	1,142	14,077	15,219	26·82	85·83
Dinhata "	92	10,076	10,168	1·52	74·70
Mathabhanga "	142	5,758	5,900	3·25	31·12
Mekliganj "	29	5,578	5,607	0·37	42·63
Tufanganj "	50	5,452	5,502	0·55	24·81
Haldibari "	40	9,171	9,211	0·71	68·98
Sitalkhuchi "	.....	3,350	3,350	.....	9·14
Nishiganj " (for two months only)	.....	435	435	.....	11·54
Sudder Jail	16	484	500	1·12	7·83
Total ...	1,511	54,381	55,892	34·34	356·58
1927-1928.					
Sudder Dispensary	1,085	12,925	14,010	29·13	83·49
Dinhata "	110	12,085	12,195	2·08	93·95
Mathabhanga "	87	6,086	6,173	2·80	31·92
Mekliganj "	20	5,045	5,065	0·74	46·45
Tufanganj "	36	4,926	4,962	0·53	23·06
Haldibari "	39	8,647	8,686	0·64	64·23
Sitalkhuchi "	18	3,372	3,390	0·06	9·91
Nishiganj "	.....	3,662	3,662	.....	17·57
Sudder Jail	41	791	832	0·77	6·25
Total ...	1,436	57,539	58,975	36·75	376·03

TABLE P.

Number of Major operations, and their results, performed in the various State Hospitals during the year 1927-28.

Serial Number.	Names of diseases.	Total cases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Death.	Remaining.	Nature of operation done.
1	Suppurative Arthritis	1	1	...	...	...	Opened.
2	Do. Goitre	1	1	..	...	...	Do. & gland removed.
3	Abscess Abdominal	1	1	...	...	...	Opened
4	" Thigh Deep	2	1	1	...	...	Do
5	" Scrotum	1	1	...	...	...	incised.
6	" Axillary	4	4	...	...	...	Opened.
7	" Chest deep	1	1	...	...	...	Do
8	" Lumber	1	1	...	...	...	Do
9	" Gluteal	3	3	...	...	...	Do
10	" Mammary	1	1	...	...	...	Do. & half of the gland removed.
11	" Hepatic	1	...	1	...	...	Aspirated.
12	" Mastoid	2	1	1	...	...	Opened & drained.
13	" Iliac	1	1	...	...	...	Do
14	Cataract	2	2	...	...	...	Lense removed.
15	Cellulitis	7	7	...	...	...	Incised & dressed.
16	Cancer Breast	1	1	...	...	...	Removed.
17	Eliphantiasis scrotum & penis ...	2	2	...	...	...	Radical operation.
18	Compound fracture fore-arm (right) ...	1	1	...	...	...	Opened & reset.
19	Do. do. finger ...	1	1	...	...	...	Amputated.
20	Gangrine leg	3	2	...	...	1	Do
21	Tumour neck, ear & abdomen ...	3	3	...	...	...	Removed.
22	Necrosis Ankle	1	...	1	...	...	Incised and scraped.
23	Hydrocele	13	13	...	...	...	Radical Operation.
24	Urethral Fistula	1	1	...	...	...	Scraped and stitched.
	Total ...	55	50	4	...	1	

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TABLE Q.—*Showing the number of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.*

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					Total.	TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	1927-1928.	1928-29.	1927-1928.	1928-29.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged or otherwise.	Died.	Remaining.		1927-28.	1928-29.
GENERAL DISEASES.												
Kala-azar	52	32	9	4	.....	1	1	2	.....	4	61	36
Malarial fever	19.174	17,562	591	657	611	15	4	19	8	657	19,765	18,219
Cholera	23	212	2	30	13	.....	1	25	.....	39	25	251
Rheumatic affections	1,550	1,675	34	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1,584	1,676
Syphilitic ditto	78	61	5	9	4	5	.....	.....	.....	9	82	70
LOCAL DISEASES.												
Respiratory affections...	2,993	2,874	48	13	8	2	2	1	.....	13	3,041	2,887
Goitre	1,343	993	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,144	994
Dysentery	1.092	1.369	66	66	48	7	1	9	1	66	1,158	1,435
Diarrhœa	1,049	1.432	47	24	20	2	.....	2	.....	24	1,096	1,456
Worms	1.380	1.415	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,382	1,415
Spleen	875	669	29	21	7	13	.....	1	.....	21	904	690
Skin diseases	7,152	6,065	4	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	3	7,156	6,068

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TABLE R.—*Shows the particulars of mortality amongst cases treated as in-patients in the various Hospitals of the State.*

NAMES OF DISEASES.	SUDDER HOSPITAL.		DINHATA HOSPITAL.		MATHABHANGA HOSPITAL.		MEKLIGUNJ HOSPITAL.		TUFANGUNJ HOSPITAL.		HALDIBARI HOSPITAL.		SITALKHUCHI HOSPITAL.		SUDDER JAIL HOSPITAL.		TOTAL NO. OF CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITALS.		Percentage of deaths 1927-28.	Percentage of deaths for 10-8-1929.
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.		
General diseases.																				
Kala-azar ...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	22·22	50
Cholera ...	39	25	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	25	50	64·10
Dysentery ...	49	8	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	54	9	8·47	16·66
Malarial fever	563	17	25	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	...	...	...	...	602	19	3·84	3·15
Primary Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Secondary Syphilis.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Gonorrhæ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Scurvy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Worms ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	.....	.....
Debility and Anæmia.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Rheumatic affections.	24	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	3	.....	12·50
Tuberculous diseases.	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	100	42·85
Leprosy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
All other general diseases.	8	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	6·66	25
Local diseases.																				
Diseases of Nervous System.	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	1	100	50
Do. Eye ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Ear ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Nose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Circulory System.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	1	4·76	100
Do. Lungs. ...	17	5	1	1	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	10	33	35·71
Other diseases of the Respiratory System.	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	11	1	.....	9·09
Diarrhœa ...	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	2	11·36	11·11
Dyspepsia ...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	3	1	.....	33·33
Diseases of the Liver.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Other disease of the Digestive System.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the spleen.	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	13	1	4·16	7·69
Other diseases of the Lymphotic system.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Goitre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the Urinary System.	10	1	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	2	22·73	13·33
Soft Chancre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....
Other diseases of the Generative System.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.....	.....
Do. Conective Tissue.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Ulcers ...	56	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	65	4	6·12	6·15
Other disease of the Skin.	109	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	1	.....	0·91
All other local diseases.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
General Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	1	8·33	3·12
Local Injuries...	91	6	..	...	63	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	154	8	3·40	5·19
Poisons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Annimal bite...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	25	100
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	.....	33·33
Burning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	.....
Total ...	1,019	80	31	4	84	9	...	...	33	2	17	2	...	...	9	1	1,193	98	0·67	8.21

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TABLE S.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

					Years. 1927-1928.	1928 1929.
Total vaccinated					41,691	47,777
Males					26,898	30,282
Females					14,793	17,495
Hindoos					28,168	33,274
Mahomedans					13,341	13,979
Christians					.....	33
Other castes					182	49
Under one year					677	212
Above one year					41,014	47,565
Successful Cases. Out of 4 points	4				2,553	4,210
	3				929	731
	2				8,464	1,893
	1				2,834	214
Successful Cases. Out of 2 points	2				18,807	29,497
	1				3,111	6,552
Unsuccessful					4,210	3,500
Unknown					758	1,180
Total successful cases					56,721	43,097
Percentage of do.					88·07	90 02

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Months.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29	Total.	Average
April	4·36	3·10	22·79	4·98	8·22	9·98	9·60	1·57	3 13	7·71	74·44	7·44
May	8·61	15·46	57·31	9·35	22 73	17·00	11·36	7·82	25 41	10·90	185 65	18·56
June	32 46	53·00	45·26	38·87	20·31	53·41	36 05	37·30	59·66	22·23	398 60	39 86
July	29·54	16 91	73·44	30 47	22·33	34 78	14·69	52·39	20 91	33·52	328 98	32·89
August	9·53	59 40	20·03	29·14	8 01	21 99	26·56	13·70	10·14	26·94	225·44	22 54
September	32·01	48·16	22·81	15·25	34·58	16·17	24 39	12·87	28 73	16 59	251·56	25·15
October	13·51	16·16	8·95	2·02	3·97	6·04	1·60	3·26	2·94	11·53	69 98	6·99
November	...	...	0·08	0·01	...	2·57	0·68	...	0·78	0·55	4·67	0·46
December	..	...	...		...	...	...	0·42	...	...	0 42	0·04
January	0·55	1·37	1·16		...	0·01	0·18	0·07	0·23	1·91	5·48	0·54
February	0 02	0·26	0·02	1·61	0·04	...	...	0·43	0·05	...	2·43	0·24
March	0·11	3·60	0·16	.	0·02	0·15	3·49	1·93	...	0·90	10·36	1·03
Total	130·70	217·42	251·92	131·40	120·21	162·13	128·60	131·76	152·01	132·80	1558·01	155 84

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Year.	Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Diet to in-patients.	Contingent charges.	Postage.	Travelling allowances	Total expenditure of each of the Dispensaries.	Cost of each diet.	Clothing and beddings purchased and distributed to others.	Stationery articles purchased and distributed to others.	Medicines &c purchased and distributed to others.	Furniture purchased and distributed toothers.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles etc.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1928-29.	Sudder Dispensary	16,800 4 9	1,522 15 9	1,836 5 11	.....	47 14 0	20,207 8 5	0 2 11·62	1,577 0 0	299 14 6	10,041 4 6	118 3 9	966 6 0	281 10 9	50 9 0	
	Dinhata ,, ...	1,989 0 0	137 5 4	129 14 3	17 15 6	10 6 0	2,284 9 1	0 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 14 0	49 12 0	8 5 0	
	Mathabhanga ,, ...	3,095 0 0	280 0 3	112 5 6	11 12 6	52 12 0	3,552 14 3	0 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 13 0	92 13 6	3 2 0	
	Mekligunj ,, ...	2,204 12 3	42 10 3	89 9 0	15 0 0	14 15 0	2,266 14 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 10 0	134 8 0	5 2 0	
	Toofangunj ,, ...	1,890 13 0	62 15 10	62 0 9	11 10 0	48 2 0	2,075 9 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 13 0	23 11 0	2 0 0	
	Haldibari ,, ...	2,145 0 0	65 9 1	77 12 9	6 0 0	57 3 0	2,351 8 10	0 4 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	114 0 0	509 15 9	13 5 0	
	Shitalkhuchi,, ...	1,270 7 2	0 14 6	71 13 3	5 0 0	59 6 0	1,407 8 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 10 0	0 2 0	.....	
	Nishigunj ...	270 15 6	.....	6 8 6	.....	.....	277 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,424 1 7	.....	1,577 0 0	299 14 6	10,041 4 6	118 3 9	1,377 2 0	1,083 9 0	82 7 0	
1927-28.	Sudder Dispensary	14,265 15 3	1,499 14 6	2,098 5 8	.....	186 9 0	18,050 12 5	0 2 11·59	1,698 0 0	300 0 0	10,299 0 0	125 0 0	930 8 0	371 0 0	32 4 0	
	Dinhata ,, ...	1,932 8 10	147 11 11	127 4 3	7 1 0	2 10 0	2,217 4 0	0 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 13 0	57 5 0	6 14 0	
	Mathabhanga ...	2,881 0 0	278 7 8	116 13 0	8 9 0	63 4 0	3,348 1 8	0 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 1 0	80 15 6	7 2 0	
	Mekligunj ,, ...	2,053 7 1	47 4 3	98 15 0	7 0 0	5 4 0	2,182 8 4	0 2 8½	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 11 0	165 8 6	9 10 0	
	Toofangunj ,, ...	1,879 0 0	51 1 6	67 9 2	7 0 0	15 4 0	2,019 14 8	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 7 0	15 8 0	2 9 0	
	Haldibari ,, ...	1,939 0 0	61 12 7	82 1 0	7 0 0	.....	2,089 13 7	0 4 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 8 0	399 10 6	7 10 0	
	Shitalkhuchi,, ...	1,252 0 0	51 11 6	59 3 6	7 0 0	42 14 0	1,412 13 0	0 4 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 4 0	.....	2 6 0	
	Nishigunj ,, ...	1,178 0 0	.....	48 4 9	5 0 0	19 11 0	1,250 15 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 5 6	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,572 3 5	.....	1,698 0 0	300 0 0	10,299 0 0	125 0 0	1,307 4 0	1,089 15 6	72 12 6	

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To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 22nd July, 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1928-29.

2. The Department was under my control for the whole year.

SECTION I—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs 20,13,085 and the arrear demand including Rs 4,141 due to settlements concluded in the year under report with retrospective effect was Rs. 3,25,732. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 23,38,817. The total collection was Rs. 20,69,943 but as this amount includes excess payments amounting to Rs. 8,482 on account of future liabilities for Land Revenue, the net collection for the year was Rs. 20,61,461. Remissions were granted for Rs. 25,096. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 23,38,817 was thus Rs. 20,86,557 (Rs. 20,61,461 plus Rs. 25,096) leaving a balance of Rs. 2,52,260 for recovery. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.						BALANCE.					REMARKS.
		Bakya or arrear demand.										
	Hal or current demand.	Amount of balance shown in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrear demand.	Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	
1921-1922 ..	19,09,384	1,99,896	3,796	2,03,392	21,12,776	18,03,012	3,568	1,04,13[illegible]	2,08,427	3,12,559	6,368	
1922-1923	19,55,550	3,12,549	574	3,13,133	22,68,683	19,52,538	605	1,34,179	1,88,320	3,22,499	6,959	
1923-1924 ..	19,96,478	3,22,499	301	3,22,800	23,18,278	19,69,501	592	1,53,692	2,01,709	3,55,401	7,215	
1924-1925	20,36,994	3,55,401	1,498	3,56,899	23,93,893	20,50,573	1,333	1,66,39[illegible]	1,81,980	3,48,372	6,285	
1925-1926 ..	20,32,883	3,48,372	1,907	3,50,279	23,83,162	20,52,614	6,638	1,85,286	1,44,029	3,29,315	5,433	
1926-1927 ..	20,42,360	3,29,315	5,191	3,34,506	23,76,866	20,44,098	8,869	1,98,405	1,31,602	3,30,007	6,088	
1927-1928 ..	20,12,766	3,30,007	736	3,30,743	23,43,498	20,26,615	5,391	1,97,319	1,24,272	3,21,591	10,099	
1928-1929 ..	20,13,085	3,21,591	4,141	3,25,732	23,38,817	20,69,943	25,096	1,59,594	92,736	2,52,260	8,482	

4. From the details in statements I and II appended to the report which refer to Mal and Debutter Land Revenue, it will be seen that as compared with 1927-28 there was a gross increase of Rs. 11,004 and a gross decrease of Rs. 10,674 in the current demand or a resultant net increase of Rs. 330. For facility of reference the different items of increase and decrease are shown in the following table :—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase due to Settlement of Khas Jotes.	76	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes.	305	
Increase obtained by Settlement of relinquished Jotes.	176	Decrease due to Jotes being made Khas under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act.	494	
Increase due to settlement of Khas Lands.	578	Decrease due to diluvion	80	
Increase due to Settlement of Payasti lands.	750		879	
	1,580	Decrease due to rectification of mistakes.	1,599	
Increase obtained in the revisional survey.	3,648	Decrease due to the deduction of Mohana rate.	61	
Increase due to entry in the Towji of the Jama kept in abeyance.	8	Decrease due to the acquisition of lands.	485	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals.	5,768	Decrease due to the cancellation of bad Jotes.	36	
		Decrease due to the falling off of Syrat Mehals.	7,527	
		Decrease due to the reduction of full rate to half rate.	65	
		Decrease due to miscellaneous causes.	22	
Grand total ...	11,004	Grand total ...	10,674	

5. The small net increase of Rs. 330 in the current demand of Revenue in the year under report was chiefly due to the correction of jama according to the settlement list.

6. The increase obtained by the resettlement of khas and relinquished jotes as also of khas and payasti lands [illegible] to Rs. 1,580 against Rs. 1,625 of the previous year. The decrease amounting to Rs. 879 due to relinquishment of jotes, to jotes being made khas and to diluvion was sufficiently compensated by an increase of Rs. 1,580 as shewn above.

7. The collection for the year under report (Rs. 20,69,943) exceeded the current demand by Rs. 56,858 and the average [illegible] for the preceding 5 years by Rs. 41,257. The collection of the year under report also exceeded the collection of 1927-28 by Rs. 43,328. Of the unrecovered balance of Rs. 2,52,260 shown in the table in [illegible] 3 above Rs. 1,11,800 was due at the close of the year from the estates under the management of the Court of Wards.

The following table compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last 2 years :—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand. Current.	Demand. Arrear.	Demand. Total.	Amount collected.	Percentage of collections on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1927-28	4,38,372	49,556	4,87,928	4,40,059	100·38	51,697	10·4
	1928-29	4,34,456	51,160	4,85,616	4,39,917	101·25	48,357	9·9
Tufangunj ...	1927-28	2,90,378	68,656	3,59,034	2,95,148	101·64	63,643	17·7
	1928-29	2,89,363	63,965	3,53,328	3,10,810	107·41	25,753	7·2
Mekliganj ...	1927-28	2,82,828	54,421	3,37,249	2,85,761	101·04	51,264	15·2
	1928-29	2,86,303	54,425	3,40,728	2,95,435	103·18	47,161	13·8
Mathabhanga ...	1927-28	5,44,398	81,736	6,26,134	5,43,858	99·90	82,960	13·2
	1928-29	5,45,107	83,236	6,28,343	5,52,434	101·34	75,834	12·0
Dinhata ...	1927-28	4,56,779	76,374	5,33,153	4,61,789	101·09	72,627	13·6
	1928-29	4,57,656	72,916	5,30,802	4,71,347	102·94	55,155	10·3
Total ...	1927-28	20,12,755	3,30,743	23,43,498	20,26,615	100·68	3,21,591	13·7
	1928-29	20,13,085	3,25,732	23,38,817	20,69,943	102·82	2,52,250	10·7

There was a perceptible increase in the percentage of total collections on the current demand as compared with the previous year. The collections exceeded 100 percent of the current demand in all the Sub-divisions of the State.

8. As shown in the table in paragraph 3 the balance outstanding at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 3,21,591, while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 3,25,732. The net increase of Rs. 4,141 was due to correction of jama according to the settlement list and to settlements concluded during the year under report with retrospective effect. The details of the arrear balance at the end of 1928-29 are shown in the following table :—

Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1927-28.	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1927-28 Rs. 3,21,591 deduct Rs. 316 on account of rectification of mistakes according to Settlement lists (1928-29). Rs. 3,21,275 ... A.	Amount collected during 1928-29	Rs. 1,37,474
		Ditto remitted during 1928-29	24,834
		Total ...	1,62,308 B
	2. Balance at the close of 1928-29. Rs. 1,58,967 ... (A-B.)		
	3. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2		Nil
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1928-29 owing to retrospective settlements.	4. Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1928-29 Rs. 4,457 ... C.	Amount collected during 1928-29 ...	3,900
		Amount remitted during 1928-29 ...	Nil
	5. Balance at the close of 1928-29 Rs. 557 (C-D).	Total ...	3,900 D
	6. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5		Nil
	7. Total balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 ...		1,59,524
	8. Total balance which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 above		Nil

Tha amount remitted out of the arrear demand (Rs. 24,834) together with the amount written off out of the current demand (Rs. 262) makes a total of Rs. 25,096 on account of remissions granted during the year which is only 1·07 percent of the total demand of Rs. 23,38,817. The remissions were mainly due to the writing off of the unrealised balance of Syrat Revenue (Rs. 18,107) realisable from certain lessees in the Tufanganj Sub-division.

9. The total number of jotes shewn on the Revenue Roll was 25,851 against 25,728 of the previous year. There was thus an increase of 123 jotes due to settlement of khas lands. 7,895 jotes were advertised for sale for arrears of revenue, out of which 472 were actually sold. The number of cases in which sales were annulled was 148. The penalties realised amounted to Rs. 4,135 and Rs. 1,495 was due to the auction purchasers under Sub-section 5 of Section XXVII of the Revenue Sale Act.

10. There were 1,485 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act of which 1,250 were disposed of and 235 remained pending at the close of the year under report. The recoveries by this procedure amounted to Rs. 1,05,567 against Rs. 1,12,618 of the previous year.

11. *Canoongoes.*—The annual inspection of the pillars on the Cooch Behar—Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar—Goalpara and Cooch Behar—Rangpur boundary lines was duly made by the representatives of the State and the Government concerned. The necessary repairs to and reconstruction of the damaged pillars were also duly completed in the course of the year.

The number of cases which remained pending with the Canoongoes at the end of the previous year was 295 and 2,251 cases were made over to them for enquiry. The total number of cases for enquiry was thus 2,546 against 2,252 of the previous year shewing an increase of 295 cases. Enquiries were completed in 2,226 cases, 74 cases were returned without enquiry and 246 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table shows the number of cases enquired into in each Sub-division :—

Name of Sub divisions		Total for enquiry.	Number enquired in to.	Number returned without enquiry	Pending at the close of the year.
Sudder ...	...	871	809	Nil	62
Tufangunj	...	739	596	64	79
Mekligunj	...	284	250	Nil	34
Mathabhanga	...	351	291	10	50
Dinhata ...	...	301	280	Nil	21
Total	...	2,546	2,226	74	246

12. *Revenue Cases.*—3839 cases were instituted during the year under report and 1050 were pending at the close of 1927-28. The total for disposal was thus 4,889, of which 4,038 cases were disposed of and 851 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table compares the work in each Sub-division during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Year.				Total for disposal.	Number disposed of
Sudder ...	1927-28	...	...	...	1,193	932
	1928-29	...	...	...	1,129	989
Tufangunj ...	1927-28	...	...	...	1,098	921
	1928-29	...	...	...	926	732
Mekligunj ...	1927-28	...	...	...	745	597
	1928-29	...	...	...	817	682
Mathabhanga ...	1927-28	...	...	...	960	734
	1928-29	...	...	...	1,125	885
Dinhata ...	1927-28	...	...	...	904	606
	1928-29	...	...	...	892	750

13. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—The State Pleader appeared in 3 cases in the year under report on behalf of the State, one was decided on compromise, the State being awarded costs. The other two were probate cases in which the State was interested as the testator had endowed a scholarship to be awarded to a student selected by the Dewan of the State.

14. *Nezarat.*—The following table compares the work done during the last 2 years:—

Year.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees were realised afterwarders	Process for which fees had been realised.	Total number of process.	Amount realised.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1927-28	4,098	2,109	14,058	20,265	13,758 8 0	9806 5 10
1928-29	4,558	1,824	14,666	21,048	14,160 10 0	10163 9 9

The total number of processes increased from 20,265 to 21,048 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised increased by 608 and there was a corresponding increase of Rs. 402-2 annas in process fees. The total realisations exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 3,997-0-3 pies.

15. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under review was Rs. 1,951 against the same amount for the previous year. The arrears amounted to Rs. 386 against Rs. 373 of the previous year. The total demand was therefore Rs. 2,337 against Rs. 2,324 of the previous year Rs. 1,941 was collected during the year under report against Rs. 1,975 of the previous year. The excess collections or collections made against future demands amounted to Rs. 31 against Rs. 37 of the previous year. The collection made during the year under report fell short of the current demand by Rs. 10. The balance left unrealised at the close of the year was Rs 427.

April	5·78
May	11·84
June	38·81
July	36·55
August	23·88
September	14·58
October	12·72
November	0·43
December	0·00
January	1·91
February	0·00
March	0·84
Total	155·63

16. *Crops and condition of people.*—The rainfall registered during the year at the Sudder Station was 150·63 inches against 143·73 inches of the previous year and the normal rainfall of 135·98 inches. The statement in the margin* shows the distribution month by month.

The uneven distribution of rainfall retarded the growth of paddy and jute to a considerable extent in all the sub-divisions. The price of common rice ranged from Rs. 5-12 to Rs. 7-8 per maund. The price of tobacco ranged from Rs. 18 to Rs. 40; and of mustard seed from Rs. 7-4 to Rs. 10 and of jute from Rs. 8-8 to Rs. 11-12 per maund.

There were severe epidemics of Cholera and Small-pox in the Sudder and Mathabhanga Sub-divisions. The following table shows the number of attacks and deaths in each sub-division under each epidemic:—

Name of Sub-division.	Small-pox		Cholera.		Cattle-disease.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Sudder ...	378	68	1713	1474	...	...
Mathabhanga ...	53	10	1663	1550	...	...
Tufangunj ...	130	16	229	196	...	...
Mekliganj ...	24	4	94	23	12	12
Dinhata ...	1001	164	861	614	45	39

Cattle disease was reported from the Sub-division of Dinhata and Mekligunj only.

17. *Emigration.*—The following table gives the details of each Sub-division :—

	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	...
Tufangunj	...	77
Dinhata	...	...
Mekligunj	..	...
Mathabhanga	3	23
Total ...	3	100

18. *Tours.*—I was away from the Head quarters for 208 days during the year under report including the period spent in Darjeeling, Calcutta and Benares on duty.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shewn in the following table :—

	Total Number of days.	Number of Nights passed in the interior
SUDDER.		
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar	61	12
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan	5	...
Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen	5	4
DINHATA.		
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy	47	26
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta	14	4
TUFANGANJ.		
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi	100	31
MEKLIGANJ.		
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjya ...	76	36
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta	7	1
MATHABHANGA.		
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal	40	24
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen	10	...

The figures are still unsatisfactory. The Sub-divisional Officers are generally much too fond of making return journeys; a tendency which will have to be checked.

19. *Intestate Property.*—The property of persons dying intestate and heirless escheated to the State under the provisions of the Unclaimed and Intestate Property Act. The number of cases of such escheats and the recoveries made on account of them in each Sub-division are shewn below :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Number of cases.	Amount recovered. Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	4	54	15	2
Dinhata	3	154	15	9
Tufangunj	2	90	0	0
Mekligunj	2	45	6	0
Mathabhanga	4	29	9	9

20. *Conduct of Officers.*—The staff, both gazetted and ministerial, have, generally, worked satisfactorily.

SECTION II.—EXCISE REVENUE.

21. The Excise Revenue from outstills decreased from Rs. 1,06,622 in the year 1927-28 to Rs. 1,01,220 in the year under report. The revenue from duty levied on consumption of Ganja increased from Rs. 92,161 to Rs. 92,250 and the revenue from Opium decreased from Rs. 42,458 to Rs. 38,908. The current demand of Excise revenue for the year was Rs. 3,00,808 against Rs. 3,07,583 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 6,775 due to reduced jama obtained at the resettlement of certain excise shops. A small arrear demand of Rs. 24 was remitted by the Regency Council. The collections amounted to Rs. 3,00,220 Taking the total population of the State to be 5,92,472 as shown in the Census Report of 1921 the incidence of excise revenue per head was 8 annas and 1·29 pies.

22. The table below compares the collection in each Sub-divisional office during the last 2 years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1928-1929.			Total collections for 1928-1929.			Total collections for 1927-1928.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	1,08,360	0	0	1,08,360	0	0	1,06,436	0	0
Tufangunj	44,284	0	0	43,697	0	0	44,469	0	0
Mekligunj	47,361	0	0	47,361	0	0	51,328	0	0
Mathabhanga	47,564	0	0	47,564	0	0	43,697	0	0
Dinhata	53,239	0	0	53,239	0	0	61,629	0	0
Total ...	3,00,808	0	0	3,00,221	0	0	3,07,559	0	0

The figures of the Sudder sub-division include the compensation paid by Government referred to in para 25 below. The arrear of Rs. 588 in the Tufangunj sub-division is due from one Ram Rup Sing who has absconded and a reference has been made to the Regency Council for the remission of this amount.

23. The variations under each head of revenue are explained below :—

(*a*) *Country Spirit*—The current demand on account of License Fees decreased from Rs. 1,06,622 in 1927-28 to Rs. 1,01,220 in the year under report and there was a corresponding decrease in collections. The collections from fresh date palm juice (Tari) increased from Rs. 180 in the previous year to Rs. 190 in the year under report.

(*b*) *Imported Spirit.*—The license fees amounted to Rs. 372 against Rs. 444 of the previous year. The collections on account of license fees of denatured spirit was Rs. 65 against Rs. 75 of the previous year due to the closing of two shops in the year under report. There was a decrease in consumption from 410½ bottles in 1927-28 to 397½ bottles in the year under report with a corresponding decrease in duty levied upon this spirit from Rs. 153-15 to Rs. 149-1.

(*c*) *Ganja.*—The total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 53,739. The amount collected was Rs. 53,158 against Rs. 55,601 of the previous year. The consumption fell from 75 maunds 21 seers 8 chhataks to 59 maunds 6 seers 3 chhataks *i.e.* by 16 maunds 15 seers and 5 chhataks. The collections on account of duty, however rose from Rs. 92,161-4 in 1927-28 to Rs. 92,249-13-6 pies in the year under report due to the increased rate of duty.

(*d*) *Opium.*—The consumption of opium amounted to 13 maunds 28 seers showing a fall from the consumption of the previous year by 1 maund 10 seers. The duty levied during the year correspondingly decreased from Rs. 42,458 in the previous year to Rs. 38,908 in the year under report. The license fees in the year under report amounted to Rs. 5,080 against Rs. 4,587 in the previous year.

(*e*) Thirty-eight licenses at Rs. 5 for each license were issued to vendors of fresh *tari* (date palm juice) during the year under report against 36 licenses of the previous year. Rs. 190 was realised as revenue under this head in the year under report.

(*f*) Sixty permits to Chemists and Druggists were granted during the year under report against seventy-nine in the previous year. The license fees at Re. 1 each amounted to Rs. 60 against Rs. 79 of the previous year.

24. There was only one case instituted in the Court of Mathabhanga Sub-division under the Excise Law which ended in conviction. Two pending cases of the last year also ended in conviction.

25. Rupees 7,052-11-3 pies was received from the Government of Bengal during the year under report against Rs 4,721-10-9 pies of the previous year on account of compensation for transfer to that Government of the Excise Administration of all isolated Chhits of Cooch Behar territory in Bengal.

SECTION III.—COURT OF WARDS.

26. *The estates under the management of the Court of Wards*.—There were altogether 25 estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of the previous year. Of these, two were released in the year under report but 2 more were added making a total of 25 estates under the management of the Court of Wards.

A comparative statement shewing the current and arrear demands of estates as also the demands of revenue and rent due from them is given below :—

	1927-28.	1928-29.
	Rs.	Rs.
Current demand	1,95,340	2,05,189
Arrear demand	3,30,994	3,44,146
Total demand	5,26,334	5,49,335
Revenue and rent due to superior land-lords ...	1,29,913	1,31,011
Paid on account of revenue and rent ...	1,39,716	1,27,142

27. The following table shows the receipts and disbursements of the estates for the year under report :—

Particulars of receipts.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Cash balance of 1927-28 after deduction of balance of the released estates ...	5,129	6	2
Rent collection including interest and Cess	1,77,923	4	6
Collection of costs	12,258	6	10
Deposits and advances	31,305	8	9
Loans including interest and costs ...	32,4	1	1
Deposits withdrawn from Banks ...	12,29	10	0
Refunds and adjustment of advances	44,910	5	6
Miscellaneous	4,4,7	15	4
Total ...	2,90,474	10	2

Particulars of disbursements.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Payment of fees	7,477	9	0
Revenue and rents	1,32,431	7	3
Law charges	21,150	6	0
Payment of debts	18,418	6	3
Deposit in Bank	7,985	4	0
Advances and deposits refunded ..	81,141	13	10
Purchase of property ...	...	...	...
Payment to proprietors ...	12,228	10	9
Subscription from the estates ..	50	0	0
Ferry tolls .	80	0	0
Miscellaneous	6,173	0	11
Cash balance at the close of the year	3,384	9	2
Total ...	2,90,474	10	2

28. *Conduct of Officers.*—A serious case of defalcation came to light in the course of the year indicating lack of proper supervision.

SECTION IV.—DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

29. The total disbursements amounted to Rs. 58,214 against Rs. 57,537 of the previous year.

30. *Cooch Behar.*—The charges on account of cost of establishment were Rs. 13,087, on account of Pujas etc., Rs. 33,847, on account of Dharmasala Rs. 1,883, on account of other miscellaneous charges Rs. 7,867 against Rs. 12,373, Rs. 31,634, Rs. 2,631 and Rs. 9,350 respectively, of the previous year.

31. The silver Sinhasan for Sri Sri Bhawani Thakurani was completed during the year under report at an actual cost of Rs. 4,865-7 against the sanction amount of Rs. 5,216.

32. All the periodical Pujas and Sradhs were duly performed. The Rash Mela was a success and drew a large congregation of people from outside the State.

33. During the year under report 62,823 people were fed at the Thakurbari and 1833 persons took Sidhas from the Dharmasala against 60,124 and 1794 people respectively of the previous year.

34. The Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary (Kabirajkhana) continued to be popular. During the year under report 15,082 persons were treated by the State Kabiraj against 15,403 of the previous year. The daily average number of patients was 41·32 against 42·20 of the year before. The Kabiraji garden in the town in which medicinal plants and herbs are grown was maintained as heretofore.

35. Srijut Rabi Chandra Karjee treated patients suffering from ulcers, curbuncles and other skin diseases in the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary according to the indegenous method of treatment. He is reported to be doing useful work and treated 2479 patients from the middle of June, 1928 up to the close of March 1929.

36. Nineteen poor boys received educational stipends, of whom 13 were Cooch Beharis, against 25 of the previous year. Amongst the stipendiaries only one appeared at the last Matriculation Examination and two at the B. A. Examination. The results are not yet out. The total amount disbursed for stipends to poor boys was Rs. 2,686 against Rs. 3,450 of the previous year. In the previous year (1927-28) two stipendiaries passed the Matric in the 1st division, one passed the I. A., in the second division and one passed the B. Sc. with distinction.

37. The amount disbursed by the Debutter Department on account of contribution to religious and public institutions, Donations, Allowance to Rajgans as well as allowance to Brahmins and others were Rs. 5,341, Rs. 2,635, Rs. 30,213 and Rs. 12,094 respectively against Rs. 5,564, Rs. 10,358, Rs. 30,007 and Rs. 12,628 respectively of the previous year. As usual a sum of Rs. 400 was paid direct from the Treasury for free beds in the Lowis Jubilee Sanitarium at Darjeeling.

38. *Benares.*—The receipts from the sale proceeds of the garden produce at Benares and house rents amounted to Rs. 1,196 against Rs. 715 of the previous year. The increase is mainly under house rent. The expenditure on account of establishment and other charges was Rs. 5,524 and Rs. 17,450 respectively against Rs. 4,730 and Rs. 21,015 respectively of the previous year. The number of persons fed at the Chhatra was 91,656 against 87,187 of the previous year.

39. *The State Temple at Brindaban.*—The repair works to this temple was completed during the year under report at a cost of Rs. 5,500 the amount budgetted for for the purpose.

SECTION V.—SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

40. *Staff.*—A staff of 23 hands was maintained till the end of February last. Only 10 officers were retained after February and the rest were discharged.

41. *Important Notifications.*—A modified form of Patta to be granted to the Jotedars was published under the Regency Council Notification dated the 30th March 1928 in the State Gazette dated the 16th April 1928. 21,985 pattas were written out and a similar number compared during the year under report.

42. *Agricultural Statistics.*—Out of 22,99,776 plots comprising in the State, 19,24,296 plots and their areas were entered in the Crop Statement forms in the office. 3,75,480 plots were dealt with in the previous year and 13,05,316 plots during the year under report. 22,52,368 were dealt with in the fields bringing the operation to a close in the month of February 1929.

43. *Disposal of objections.*—Statement I shows the disposal of objections. Under the Regency Council Notifications dated the 8th July 1925 and 21st July 1927, 1644 applications were filed praying for correction of bonafide mistakes in the terijes in respect of agricultural holdings. 1368 cases were heard and disposed of during the year, of which 465 cases were allowed and 903 disallowed.

44. *Office work.*—Statement II appended shows the office work done in different sections at Head quarters. A staff of 23 was entertained in the beginning but it was reduced to 10 from the beginning of March last as stated in paragraph 40 of this report. The staff was engaged in correcting the bonafide mistakes in the final and draft records according to the orders passed in objection cases. The work of preparation and comparison of different Registers and Tamilla work of new settlement cases were also done. The registers of settlement stamps to be realised from defaulting parties were also prepared and sent to the Sub-divisions concerned.

45. *Expenditure.*—The Budget Estimates for the year under report was Rs. 15,422 and the Revised Estimates Rs. 18,053. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 17,778 leaving a surplus of Rs. 275 only.

46. *Receipts.*—During the year Rs. 2,358-15-3 were realised in stamps Rs. 47-12 as copying fees and Rs. 126-4-4 as miscellaneous receipts. Copying was done by the paid staff.

SECTION VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

47. *Bunders.*—The total number of carts registered at the Haldibari Bunder during the year under report fell from 49,066 to 48,725 showing a decrease of 341 carts. The total amount of tolls collected from the carts together with miscellaneous receipts of Rs. 8 was Rs. 6,070 during the year under report against Rs. 6,147 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 77. The expenditure during the year under report was Rs. 1,566-10-6 against Rs. 1,607-6-4 of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 40-11-10 pies was mainly due to the fact that the privilege leave allowance drawn by the retired Tehsildar, Suresh Chandra Ray was included in the expenditure under the Head 'Permanent Establishment'. The net gain to the State was Rs. 4,503-7-6 against Rs. 4,539-9-8 of the previous year. The partial failure of the jute crop was responsible for this decrease. 22,484 maunds of tobacco, 9487 maunds of jute and 2300 maunds of paddy were reported to have been exported from the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga against 29,853 maunds of tobacco, 2,586 maunds of jute and 2,580 maunds of paddy of the previous year.

48. *Fairs.*—The total collections from the Garadhat, Fulbari and Changrabandha Melas amounted to Rs. 635 against Rs. 682 of the previous year. Annual fairs were held at Dinhata and Haldibari as usual and the collections from these fairs were made over to the local Town Committees.

In the Sudder Sub-division there were three fairs of importance namely the Debibari Mela and the Rash Mela of the Cooch Behar Town and the Gadadhar mela in taluk Ambari at the confluence of the Kaljani and Gadadhar rivers. But of these 3 fairs, the two former were transferred to the Cooch Behar Town Committee with effect from the 1st July 1927 under the orders of the Regency Council. The income from the Gadadhar Mela, the Sivaratri Mela at Baneswar and from the Baruni Snan Mela at Kalighat was Rs. 325, Rs. 100 and Rs 17, respectively, against Rs. 325, Rs. 95 and Rs. 20, respectively, of the previous year.

49. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of Land Revenue of the town was Rs. 20,707 against Rs. 22,598 of the previous year showing a net decrease of Rs. 1,891. This figure is the result of a total increase of Rs. 117 and a total decrease of Rs. 2,008 as detailed below:—

Particulars of increase.	Amount.	Particulars of decrease.	Amount.
	Rs.		Rs.
Increase due to settlement of Khas lands	43	Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes	160
Increase due to modification of jama according to settlement list	74	Decrease due to no bid Jotes ...	13
		Decrease due to rectification of mistakes	562
		Decrease due to transfer of control of the Bhowanigunj Tensil Cutchery from 1st July 1927	1,273
Total ..	117	Total ...	2,008

Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 3,955 the total demand was Rs. 24,715, out of which Rs. 21,607 including an excess payment of Rs. 663 was collected and Rs. 303 was remitted during the year under report leaving a balance of Rs. 3,469 at the close of the year against Rs. 3,955 of the previous year. The revenue derived from the town was paid to the Town Committee, Cooch Behar.

I have the honor to be
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State,
Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year* 1928-29.

Name of Mehal	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokররি Estates..	8,156 1 11	97 2 1	8,247 4 0	8,176 8 0	97 2 1	8,273 10 1	.....	.....	.....	5 12 1	.....	5 12 1	22 2 2	.....	22 2 2
Estates not permanently settled ..	16,88,361 7 3	2,13,046 4 9	19,11,407 12 0	16,28,867 1 8	88,100 10 1	17,17,057 11 9	70 14 3	1,444 8 10	1,515 7 1	77,134 11 5	1,22,511 1 10	2,00,645 13 3	7,811 4 1	.....	7,811 4 1
TOTAL ..	17,06,501 9 2	2,13,153 6 10	19,19,655 0 0	16,37,133 9 8	88,197 12 2	17,25,331 5 10	70 14 3	1.444 8 10	1,515 7 1	77,140 7 6	1,22,511 1 10	2,00,651 9 4	7,843 6 3	.....	7,843 6 3
Syrat Mehals ..	1,42,799 0 1	94,620 3 1	2,37,419 3 2	1,30,843 7 5	45,699 9 0	1,76,543 0 5	190 10 0	19,419 1 0	19,609 11 0	11,879 5 0	29,501 9 1	41,380 14 1	114 6 4	.....	114 6 4
GRAND TOTAL	(a) 18,49,300 9 3	(b) 3,07,773 9 11	21,57,074 3 2	17,67,977 1 1	1,33,897 5 2	19,01,874 6 3	261 8 3	20,863 9 10	(d) 21,125 2 1	89,019 12 6	1,51,012 10 11	2,42,032 7 5	7,957 12 7	.....	7,957 12 7

EXPLANATIONS.

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs 18,49,300-9-3 against Rs 18,49,745-2-11 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs 9,901-0-5 and the gross decrease to Rs 10,345-10-1. There was thus a net Decrease of Rs. 444-9-8. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

			Rs. A. P.
1.	Increase due to	re-settlement of Khas jotes	75 11 0
2.	Ditto	re-settlement of relinquished jotes	171 14 0
3.	Ditto	settlement of Khas lands	678 4 0
4.	Ditto	settlement of Khas Payasthi lands	749 9 4
5.	Ditto	settlement of new jotes (Suder)	32 1 0
6.	Ditto	entry in the Touji of the juma kept in abeyance (Tufangunj) ..	8 7 0
7.	Ditto	rectification of mistake	3,603 10 1
8.	Ditto	settlement of Syrat Mehals	4,681 8 0
		Total ..	9,901 0 5

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year 3,03,631 10 2
Arrears brought forward in this statement 3,07,773 9 11

Increase mainly due to re-settlement with retrospective effect and rectification of mistake .. 4,141 15 9

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d.) *Vide* Council Office No. dated

DECREASE.

			Rs. A. P.
1.	Decrease due to	relinquishment of jotes	301 10 1
2.	Ditto	Jotes made Khash under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	483 13 7
3.	Ditto	rectification of mistakes	1,568 9 3
4.	Ditto	acquisition of lands	471 7 10
5.	Ditto	diluvion	80 0 0
6.	Ditto	cancellation of bad jotes (Tufangunj)	36 7 2
7.	Ditto	miscellaneous causes	18 14 5
8.	Ditto	deduction of Mohana rates (Tufangunj)	60 10 0
9.	Ditto	reduction of full rates to half rate (Dinhata)	64 14 0
10.	Ditto	withdrawal of an Excise Shop from the land under a Towji (Mekligunj) ..	3 4 0
11	Ditto	Falling off of Syrat Mehals	7,242 13 9
		TOTAL	10,345 10 1
		Deduct increase ..	9,901 0 5
		Net decrease ..	444 9 8

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Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1928-1929.*

NAME OF MEHAL.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates.	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	32 15 4	....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,55,050 6 5	10,089 11 5	1,65,140 1 8	1,52,110 6 5	3,578 13 5	1,55,689 3 10	.....	.....	.....	3,311 14 4	6,510 14 0	9,852 12 4	401 14 6	.....	401 14 6
TOTAL ..	1,55,083 5 7	10,089 11 5	1,65,173 1 0	1,52,143 5 9	3,578 13 5	1,55,722 3 2	.....	.....	.....	3,311 14 4	6,510 14 0	9,852 12 4	401 14 6	.....	401 14 6
Syrat Mehals	8,701 11 0	7,868 9 7	16,570 4 7	8,448 9 0	3,897 14 1	12,346 7 1	.....	3,970 11 6	3,970 11 6	375 0 0	.....	375 0 0	121 14 0	.....	121 14 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,63,785 (a) 0 7	17,958 5 0	1,81,743 5 7	1,60,591 14 9	7,476 11 6	1,68,068 (b) 10 3	.....	3,970 11 6	3,970 11 6	3,716 14 4	6,510 14 0	10,227 12 4	523 12 6	.....	523 12 6

EXPLANATIONS:

(a)—The current demand for the year is Rs 1,63,785-0-7 against Rs. 1,63,059-15-3 showing an increase of Rs. 775-1-4 which is chiefly due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Increase due to rectification of mistake	12	11	8
2 " " settlement of relinquished Jotes	4	10	0
3. " " Obtained by the Settlement of Syrat Mehals	10,86	0	0
Total ..	1,103	5	8
Deduct decrease ...	328	4	4
Net Increase ...	775	1	4

DECREASE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Decrease due to acquisition of land ..	13	9	0
2. " " rectification of mistakes ..	30	6	4
3. " " settlement of Syrat Mehals	284	5	0
	328	4	4

(b)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

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Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue, for the year 1928-29.*

EXCISABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.	BALANCES.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.		Current.	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	1,01,220 0 0	.....	1,01,220 0 0	1,01,220 0 0	.....	1,01,220 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto Fresh date palm juice	190 0 0	.....	190 0 0	190 0 0	.....	190 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	372 0 0	.....	372 0 0	372 0 0	.....	372 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto denatured spirit shops ...	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	92,249 13 6	.....	92,219 13 6	92,249 13 6	.....	92,249 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto Deficiency of weight	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chemists and Druggists permits ...	60 0 0	.....	60 0 0	60 0 0	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto Deficiency of excess of 2½ percent	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja	53,738 8 0	24 0 0	53,762 8 0	5,3157 8 0	.....	53,157 8 0	24 0 0	581 0 0	.....	581 0 0
Ditto of Opium ,, ...	5,086 8 0	.....	5,086 8 0	5,080 0 0	.....	5,080 0 0	.....	6 8 0	.....	6 8 0
Duty on Opium	38,908 0 0	.....	3,8908 0 0	38,908 0 0	.....	38,908 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Imported spirit	149 1 0	.....	149 1 0	149 1 0	.....	149 1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	8,768 14 6	.....	8,768 14 6	8,768 14 6	.....	8,768 14 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL ...	3,00,807 13 0	24 0 0	3,00,831 13 0	3,00,220 5 0	.....	3,00,220 5 0	24 0 0	587 8 0	.....	587 8 0

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SETTLEMENT STATEMENT No. I.—Case Work.
1928-29.

Nature of cases.	Number of cases.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Instituted during the year.	Total for disposal during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.
Objections ...	787	1,644	2,431	1,368	1,063

SETTLEMENT STATEMENT No. II—Work done in section,
1928-29.

Filling up of columns of plots of area in the crop statement forms.	19,24,296
Tamila of new settlement cases	91
Check of Ditto.	91
Tamila of orders of cases regarding terij correction ...	665
Check of Ditto. ...	665
Mokabila of Lakheraj Registers	651
Checking of Crop Statement work done by Amins ...	13,05,816
Preparation of Patta	21,985
Comparison of Patta	21,985

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FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, ESQ., RAI BAHADUR, M. A.,

Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State,
In the Treasury Department.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT,

Regency Council, Cooch Behar.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 23rd/30th May, 1929

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the working of the Cooch Behar Treasury during 1928-29.

2. The Department was under my control throughout the year but the immediate charge of the Treasury was held by Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L.

3. The year opened and closed with respective Cash balances of Rs. 14,82,561 and Rs. 15,05,700 as shown below :—

	Opening balance. Rs.	Closing balance. Rs.
Cooch Behar State	7,89,848	6,12,719
Funds and Deposits	39,432	1,80,999
Government	6,53,280	7,11,981
Total ...	14,82,560	15,05,699

4. The total receipts and disbursements amounted to Rs. 70,83,901 and Rs. 70,60,762 against Rs. 59,36,827 and Rs. 57,13,265, respectively, of the previous year.

5. The total stamp revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,71,792-12 against Rs. 4,59,929-12-3 showing a decrease of Rs. 88,137-0-6 as shewn below :—

Kinds of stamps.	1927-28.			1928-29.			Increase.			Decrease.			Remarks.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A	P.	
Judicial ...	2,55,976	8	0	2,10,027	0	0	.....			45,949	8	0	
Documentary ...	64,860	8	0	70,806	0	0	5,945	8	0	.....			
Court-fee ...	1,14,060	4	0	62,751	8	0	.....			51,308	12	0	
Copying-fee ...	7,009	8	0	7,845	8	0	836	0	0	.....			
Miscellaneous	577	9	3	845	4	0	267	10	9	.....			
Cartridge paper ...	2,055	0	0	2,115	0	0	60	0	0	.....			
Adhesive Stamps.	6,894	0	0	7,632	0	0	738	0	0	.....			
Embossed Do. ...	15	13	0	54	12	0	38	15	0	.....			
Service Stamp ...	8,480	10	0	9,715	12	0	1,235	2	0	.....			
Total ...	4,59,929	12	3	3,71,792	12	0	9,121	3	9	97,258	4	0	

6. Statement A hereto annexed shows the revenue from stamps of all kinds collected in the different Sub-Treasuries.

7. The total value of currency notes received into, and issued from, the Treasury was Rs. 1,22,25,500 and Rs. 1,20,10,700 against Rs. 1,20,50,500 and Rs. 1,19,00,500, respectively, of the previous year. There was thus an increase in the receipts and issues of Rs. 1,75,000 and Rs. 1,10,200 respectively.

8. Under the orders conveyed in the Regency Council office letter No. 1677, dated the 22nd March, 1929 the figure of a lion in the coat of arms which used to be printed on State Stamps has been replaced by that of a tiger and old stamps in stock as well as in the hands of Stamp Vendors of the nominal value of Rs. 2,77,476-2 were destroyed on the 1st April, 1929.

9. *Character of Officer.*—Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee supervised the work of the Treasury efficiently.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient. humble servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1928-1929.

Names of Sub-divisions.	Judicial. With commission.	Judicial. Without commission.	Documentary. With commission.	Documentary. Without commission.	Court fee. With commission.	Court fee. Without commission.	Copying fee. With commission.	Copying fee. Without commission.	Miscellaneous. Fines & penalties.	Miscellaneous. Duty on unstamped papers.	Total.
	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A	Rs. A. P
Sudder	62,316 8 0	10,961 0	16,568 8	1,274 0	17,975 0	....	2,320 0	....	522 8 0	153 6	1,12,090 14 0
Dinhata	40,838 8 0	23 0	12,512 8	....	13,317 8	....	1,646 8	.....	.....	..	68,398 0 0
Mathabhanga	48,431 0 0	926 0	18,233 0	205 0	15,308 8	....	2,276 8	....	20 0 0	2 0	85,402 0 0
Mekliganj	26,863 0 0	292 0	10,878 0	70 0	9,210 8	....	1,023 0	....	3 0 0	0 8	48,342 0 0
ufanganj	19,304 0 0	72 0	11,035 0	....	6,010 0	....	576 8	....	130 0 0	11 14	38,042
Total ..	1,97,753 0 0	12,274 0	69,257 0	1,549 0	62,751 8	.....	7,845 8	.....	677 8 0	167 12	3,52,275

STATEMENT A.

Statement shewing the sale of Stamps during the year 1928-29. (Continued)

Names of Sub-divisions.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Adhesive Stamp. With commission.	Adhesive Stamp. Commission to vendors.	Adhesive Stamp. Net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. P
Sudder	2,182 2 9	1,09,908 14 3	2,655 0 0	166 2 0	2,421 14
Dinhata	1,478 5 9	66,919 10 3	1,143 0 0	71 7 0	1,071 9
Mathabhanga	1,734 13 9	83,667 2 3	1,287 0 0	80 7 0	1,206 9
Mekliganj	599 5 0	47,342 11 0	1,764 0 0	110 4 0	1,653 12
Tufanganj	801 3 0	37,241 3 0	780 0 0	48 12 0	731 4
Total ..	7,195 14 3	3,45,079 5 9	7,032 0 0	477 0 0	7,155

STATEMENT A.

Statement shewing the sale of Stamps during the year 1928-29. (Concluded).

Names of Sub division.	Cartridge Stamp. With commission.	Cartridge Stamp. Commission to vendors.	Cartridge Stamp. Net amount.	Embossed stamp.	Service Postage Stamp.	Grand total of the gross amount.	Grand total of the net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	720 0 0	45 0 0	675 0 0	54 12 0	9,715 12 0	1,25,259 6 0	1,22,846 1 9
Dinhata	525	32 13 0	492 3 0	....	.....	70,066 0 0	68,483 6 3
Mathabhanga	420 0 0	26 4 0	393 12 0	....	.....	87,109 0 0	85,267 7 3
Mekliganj	225 0 0	14 1 0	210 15 0	....	.....	50,331 0 0	49,207 6 0
Tufanganj	225 0 0	14 1 0	210 15 0	....	.....	39,047 6 0	38,183 6 0
Total ..	2,115 0 0	132 3 0	1,982 13 0	54 12 0	9,715 12 0	3,71,792 12 0	3,63,987 10 9

* Out of this Settlement Stamps for Rs. 145-11- was sold.

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FROM

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To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 16th July, 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1928-29 together with the Annual Statements No. I to II.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., was in charge of the Office of the Civil and Sessions Judge throughout the year.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the Subordinate Judicial appointments during the year under review:—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Srijut Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Lalit Mohan Buxi, B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 19th October 1928 and from 3rd January 1929 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 3rd March 1929 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 2nd May 1928 to 19th May 1928, 9th June 1928 to 11th September 1928 and 5th November 1928 to 3rd February 1929.
Tufangunj ...	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 5th to 8th December 1928.
Dinhata ...	„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 9th April 1928 to 20th May 1928. From 6th June 1928 to 4th December 1928. From 21st December 1928 to 21st January 1929. From 4th March 1929 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Pradhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 8th April 1928. From 21st May 1928 to 5th June 1928.
Do. ...	Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 4th February 1929 to 2nd March 1929.
Mathabhanga	„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 3rd February 1929.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 22nd February 1929 to 31st March 1929.
Mekligunj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1928 to 20th May 1928, From 5th June 1928 to 31st March 1929.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 21st May 1928 to 4th June 1928.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 23rd February 1929 to 15th March 1929.

3. *Institution of original suits.*—The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shown below.—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1925-26	1,659	7,520	1,478	10,657
1926-27	1,730	7,301	1,482	10,513
1927-28	1,930	7,360	1,439	10,729
1928-29	1,944	8,290	1,825	12,059

The increase of 1330 suits in the year under report as compared with the previous year falls mainly under the head Rent Suits.

4. *Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.*—The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions of suits in each of the Courts in the State:—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	61	.....	113	.....	31	.....
Sj. S. Banerjee Naib Ahilkar ...	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	.....	177	69	.....	256	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	51	.....	337	.....	.....	14
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	61	.....	323	.....	83	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	.....	2	.....	11	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj	4	.....	88	.....	30	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	193	179	947	17	400	14

5. *Classification of suits.*—It will be seen from the Statement No. 2 that out of a total of 12,059 suits, 3,025 were suits on bonds and other obligations, rent not falling under the rent law, movable property or value thereof and damages, 8,290 were Rent suits, 738 concerned land and other immovable property and 6 related to matrimonial rights.

6. *Execution cases.*—The number of applications for execution of decrees filed during the last four years is shown in the Statement given below.—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court	Total.
1925-1926	1,213	5,035	860	7,108
1926-1927	1,269	4,481	788	6,538
1927-1928	1,311	4,578	752	6,641
1928-1929	1,402	5,091	883	7,376

The number of applications filed during the year under report shows an increase of 735 as compared with the previous year.

7. *Miscellaneous cases.*—The number of Miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below:—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1927-28	1928-29.	1927-28	1928-29.
Civil	480	503	1	1
Rent	879	810	59	83
Small Cause Court	86	99	.....	.....
Total ...	1,395	1,412	60	84

8 *Certificate cases.*—The number of applications for certificate of Guardianship under Act VII of 1921 was 42 against 36 of the previous year showing an increase of 6 and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 55 against 33 of the previous year showing an increase of 22.

9. *Probate cases.*—The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 22 against 15 of the previous year showing an increase of 7.

10. *Institutions of suits in Subordinate Courts.*—The following table shows the number of institutions of original suits in each of the Subordinate Courts :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	3,040
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,362
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	3,320
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	3,020
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,295

11. *Disposal of Suits.*—The disposal of original suits in the State during the last four years is shown in the Statement given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1925-1926	1,583	7,325	1,485	10,345
1926-1927	1,807	7,303	1,484	10,597
1927-1928	1,751	7,348	1,469	10,568
1928-1929	1,970	7,894	1,715	11,579

The total number of original suits disposed of shows an increase of 1011 as compared with the previous year.

12. *Disposal in Subordinate Courts.*—According to the number of disposals the Subordinate Courts are arranged in the following order :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2,370
(2.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	2,008
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,486
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,361
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1,269
(6.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,226
(7.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	1,204
(8.)	Debutter Naib Ahilkar	225
(9.)	2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	163
(10.)	Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	144
(11.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Sudder	50
(12.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	16

13. *Contested Suits* :—The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four years :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1925-1926	183	271	88	542
1926-1927	276	235	98	609
1927-1928	196	227	129	552
1928-1929	274	266	102	642

The total number of contested suits decided was 642, being one-eighteenth of the entire number of suits disposed of.

The disposal of contested suits by each Subordinate Court is shown below :—

(1.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj 137

(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 93

(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 87

(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 76

(5.) Assistant Civil Judge 71

(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 62

(7.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 58

(8.) Sjt. Siddheswar Banarjee, Naib Ahilkar 13

(9.) 2nd, Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 12

(10.) Debutter Naib Ahilkar 8

(11.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 1

14. *Average duration of suits* :—The table given below shows the average duration of suits in Subordinate Courts :—

Names of Courts.	Civil Suits.		Rent Suits.		Small Cause Court Suits.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge	5 10	1 15	3 5	1 7	0 27	0 19
Naib Ahilkar (Sjt. S. Banerjee) ...	6 0	1 28	3 2	1 1	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	8 0	1 21	2 28	1 13	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar	.....	2 28	.....	1 13	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	5 27	2 1	3 28	1 19	1 28	1 5
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	7 0	2 29	5 6	2 1	2 29	1 17
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	7 22	3 4	4 9	1 27	.....	.....
2nd, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	6 2	5 2	2 20	1 25	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	3 24	1 18	3 7	1 9	2 10	1 9
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	5 5	2 28	3 28	1 14	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	4 3	1 18	3 25	1 20	1 13	0 21

The duration was longest in the Court of the Additional Naib Ahilkar, Sudder, and shortest in that of the Assistant Civil Judge.

15. *Value of Suits:*—Out of the total number of original suits disposed of 229 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 5 in value ; 1,625 or a litle over one-seventh were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20 ; 3279 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 and not exceeding Rs. 50 ; 3041 or a little above one-fourth were claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100 ; 3,172 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 176 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but exceding Rs. 1,000 ; 53 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000 ; 3 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000 and one suit was for claims exceeding Rs. 10,000 but not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.

15 *Pending suits* :—The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 2344 against 1864 of the previous year showing an increase of 480. Of the number pending 42 were more than six months old against 62 of the previous year. There were 3 suits pending over one year.

17. *Summary procedure* :—The Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Suits valued at Rs. 100 and less in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts. The jurisdiction of the Small Cause Court at Tufangunj was raised to Rs. 100 from Rs. 20 during the year under report.

18. *Disposal of Execution cases* :—The table given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1925-1926	1,209	5,274	850	7,333
1926-1927	1,272	4,539	773	6,584
1927-1928	1,287	4,585	781	6,653
1928-1929	1,375	4,740	834	6,949

The total number of execution cases disposed of shows an increase of 296 as compared with the previous year.

19. *Disposal of Miscellaneous cases* :—The table given below shows the disposal of miscellaneous cases during the last two years :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1927-28.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1928-29.
Civil	430	487	1	1
Rent	879	767	59	65
Small Cause Court	86	98	...	...
Total ...	1,395	1,352	60	66

20. *Local Enquiry* :—Ninety-two cases required local enquiry during the year against 98 of the previous year. 81 cases were enquired into against 88 cases of the previous year. 3 cases were returned without enquiry. 8 cases remained pending at the close of the year against 9 of the previous year. The amount of Ameen's fee realised was Rs. 1,620 against Rs. 1,482 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 138 and Rs. 131 was realised on account of fees for service of notices issued by the Civil Court Ameen against Rs. 102-8 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 28-8.

21. *Work of the Civil Judge's Court* :—The table given below shows the work in the Court of the Civil Judge for the last three years :—

YEARS.	ORIGINAL SUITS.				EXECUTION CASES.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.			
	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1926-1927	16	45	51	10	37	62	76	23	12	98	89	21
1927-1928	10	50	43	17	23	72	59	36	21	104	97	28
1928-1929	17	58	57	18	36	60	72	24	28	150	144	34

22. *Appeals* :—The following table shows the total number of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred in the Court of the Civil Judge during the last three years :—

1926-27	103
1927-28	133
1928-29	165

(*a*) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1926-1927	124	81	19	6	35	33
1927-1928	166	60	23	10	48	25
1928-1929	190	72	43	11	27	37

(*b*) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	DETAILS OF DISPOSAL.							REMARKS.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.	Total disposed of.	
Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L. ...	16	7	1	3	2	...	29	
" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L. ...	11	11	3	8	...	...	33	
" Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L. ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan, B.L. ...	5	4	...	1	...	...	10	
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L. ...	18	8	3	3	1	...	33	
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., ...	10	3	2	1	...	...	16	
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L.	3	...	1	2	1	...	7	
" Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L. ...	5	5	...	2	...	...	12	
" Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L.	4	2	1	3	...	...	10	
Total ...	72	43	11	23	4	...	163	

23. *Financial Results* :—The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

RECEIPTS.

I. *Stamp duty* :—The table given below shows the receipts under the head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1925-1926 ...	1,59,954
1926-1927 ...	1,55,858
1927-1928 ...	1,63,809
1928-1929 ...	1,82,927

The increase of Rs. 19,118 is due to increase in the number of cases.

II. The amount of process fees etc. realised during the year was Rs. 40,089 against Rs. 37,994 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 2,095.

III. *Fines and Forfeitures* :—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 849 against Rs. 1,112 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 333.

IV. *Ameen's fees* :—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for tee last four years :—

	Rs.
1925-1926 ...	805
1926-1927 ...	870
1927-1928 ...	1,585
1928-1929 ...	1,616

V. *Other receipts including copying fees* :—These amounted to Rs. 8,722 against Rs. 6,585 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 2,137.

The total receipts under the above heads amounted to Rs. 2,34,203 against Rs. 2,11,155 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 23048.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I. *Salary* :—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 20,725 against Rs. 18,213 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 2,512.

II. *Establishment Charges* :—The Establishment charges amounted to Rs. 24,197 against Rs. 22,667 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,530.

III. *Process-service* :—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 16,032 against Rs. 15,619 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 443.

IV. *Contingencies* :—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 7,185 against Rs. 7,582 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 397.

V. *Ameen's Establishment* :—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,626 against Rs. 1,576 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 50.

VI. *Unforeseen* :—A sum of Rs. 18 was spent under this head during the year under report against Rs. 320 of the previous yerr showing a decrease of Rs. 302.

The total expenditure was Rs. 69,813 against Rs. 65,977 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 3,836

The net receipts of the Civil Department therefore amounted to Rs. 1,64,390 against Rs. 1,45,178 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 19,212.

24. *Copying Department* :—The total amount of copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 6,185 against Rs. 5,857 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 328. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 2,988 was credited to the State and the balance, Rs. 3,197, was distributed among the copyists.

The following table shows the number of copyists employed in each Court with the average monthly income of each copyist :—

Names of Courts.	No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.	Remarks.
			Rs. A. P.	
Sudder	4	1	21 5 9½	
Tufangunj	1	.....	23 3 0	
Dinhata	2	1	32 4 9	
Mathabhanga	2	1	34 15 5	
Mekligunj	1	.....	23 2 0	

25. *Records* :—During the year under report records of 13,681 cases were received in the Record Room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Civil Judge	*208	(1) 58	266	From April 1925 to March 1926. *Civil original 28, Civil Appeal 39, Civil Execution 56, Civil miscellaneous 75. (1) Rent original 8, Rent Appeal 38, Rent Execution 8, Rent miscellaneous 4.
Assistant Civil Judge ...	679	2,835	3,514	From April 1926 to March 1927.
Treasury Officer	29	.....	29	Ditto.
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	21	60	81	Ditto.
Sudder Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	6	39	45	Ditto.
Sj. S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	.....	76	76	Ditto.
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan.	.....	17	17	Ditto.
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	322	1,874	2,196	Ditto.
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	206	1,305	1,511	Ditto.
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	354	1,211	1,565	Ditto.
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	449	2,125	2,574	Ditto.
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	662	1,145	1,807	Ditto.
Total ...	2,936	10,745	13,681	

26. *Character* :—All the Subordinate Judicial Officers as well as the ministerial staff worked on the whole satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be
Your Highness'
Most obedient servant,

Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Department. Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,32,334
Tufangunj ditto	Fulbari ditto ...	223	82,943
Dinhata ditto	Dinhata ditto ...	270	1,48,078
Mathabhanga ditto	Mathabhanga Station, Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P.	334	1,41,372
Mekligunj ditto	Mekligunj Station...	197	87,634

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

Civil.		Rent.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	13	1	13	28

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(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

Courts.	Receipts.						Charges.						
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Ameen's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	Total.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving	Contingent (4)	Ameen's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Judge's Court ...	17,125 2 9	1,721 8 0	.....	36 0 0	4,052 10 8	22,935 5 5	9,000 0 0	7,660 6 0	9,672 15 7	4,306 9 2	1,625 11 3	18 0 0	32,283 10 0
Sudder Subordinate Courts	37,731 7 0	8,630 4 0	.....	787 0 0	.....	47,148 11 0	4,800 0 0	4,761 9 4	.....	141 2 6	.....	.....	9,702 11 10
Tufangunj Courts ...	19,185 8 0	3,964 4 0	4 8 0	252 0 0	312 5 4	23,718 9 4	1,388 2 9	2,215 9 0	1,321 5 11	413 15 8	.....	.....	5,339 0 11
Dinhata " ...	43,373 14 0	11,382 4 0	364 7 6	208 0 0	1,532 11 9	56,861 5 3	2,003 9 9	3,804 3 9	1,877 10 4	904 4 6	.....	.....	8,589 12 4
Mathabhanga " ...	44,423 5 6	10,171 8 0	372 12 0	294 0 0	2,206 2 4	57,403 11 10	2,400 0 0	3,564 2 1	1,788 0 4	1040 12 5	.....	.....	8,792 14 10
Mekligunj " ...	21,081 10 6	4,283 6 0	107 10 0	39 0 0	617 15 0	26,135 9 6	1,133 5 4	2,191 6 0	1,401 14 4	378 2 0	.....	.....	5,104 11 8
Total ...	1,82,926 15 9	40,089 2 0	849 5 6	1,616 0 0	8,721 18 1	2,34,203 4 4	20,725 1 10	24,197 4 2	16,061 14 6	7,184 13 10	1,626 8 8	18 0 0	698,12 18 7

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.
(2) This includes sale-fees.
(3) This includes witness' diet-money, copying-fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c., &c.
(4) This includes remuneration to copyists travelling and Ticca Mohurers' pay &c., &c.

		Rs. A. P.
Receipts	...	2,34,203 4 4
Charges	...	69,812 13 7
Balance	...	1,64,390 6 9

H. L. KHASTGIR,
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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1928-29.

COURTS.	Suits of the Small Cause Court class.																		Other Civil Suits.									Rent Suits.							
	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received and contribution.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent law.		Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	For delivery of patkaps and kabuliyats.	For damages for illegal eviction of rent and withholding of receipts.	For embarrassment and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a ryot or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In exercise of power of distraint.	Against agents for money and paper.	Total.
	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.																		
Civil Judge	...	13	...	1	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	58
Assistant Civil Judge	173	..	6	..	23	..	15	..	13	..	...	..	2	..	...	...	2	...	124	...	104	..	1	...	1	3	1	...	..	..	1,865	...	...	...	..	2,332
Srijut S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	2	..	..	...	..	1	..	...	...	..	19	...	...	...	..	22
Debuttor Naib Ahilkar	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	11	..	...	...	..	11
Maleutchery Naib Ahilkar	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	....
Additional Naib Ahilkar	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	211	..	8	..	37	..	5	..	5	..	3	..	2	..	4	..	3	..	14	3	56	..	..	....	3	..	..	..	2	..	602	..	6	..	..	1,068
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	100	..	2	..	29	..	70	..	12	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	127	2	12	..	1	....	1	..	..	..	2	1	2,636	..	..	..	..	3,011
Additional Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	74
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	161	..	5	..	19	..	35	..	3	..	...	..	1	..	17	..	16	..	117	..	10	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,011	..	..	..	..	2,494
Additional Naib Ahilkar do.	2	...	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	58
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	93	...	5	..	21	..	17	..	6	..	6	..	5	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	14	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	930	..	..	..	..	1,106
Total	745	13	26	1	131	6	146	1	41	...	23	..	10	...	30	..	26	1	503	5	199	17	2	7	6	4	1	..	4	1	8,285	..	...	..	...	10 234
Small Cause Court Class Suits up to Rs. 100.																																				
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	347	...	56	..	67	..	5	..	22	..	1	..	7	..	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	508
Naib-Ahilkar, Tufangunj	201	...	19	..	42	..	1	..	24	...	1	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	294
Ditto, Dinhata	158	...	4	...	6	..	19	...	108	...	9	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	308
Ditto, Mathabhanga	310	..	41	..	18	..	9	..	92	...	2	..	9	..	31	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	526
Ditto, Mekligunj	102	..	10	..	46	..	..	..	7	..	11	..	6	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	189
Total	1118	...	130	..	179	..	34	...	253	..	24	..	24	..	39	..	21	...	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	1,826
Grand Total	1,863	13	156	1	310	6	180	1	294	..	47	...	34	..	69	..	48	1	503	5	199	17	2	7	6	4	1	...	4	1	8,285	..	..	..	..	12,059

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Average Duration of Suits. Contested.	Average Duration of Suits. Uncontested.
																				m. d.	m. d.
CIVIL.																					
Civil Judge	17	52	...	69	...	...	3	...	7	1	28	...	...	11	2	52	17	1	1	5 5	2 9
Assistant Civil Judge	115	467	...	582	39	..	97	5	60	103	160	7	...	31	1	464	79	...	...	5 10	1 15
Brijut S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	16	3	18	37	...	...	7	...	1	...	10	...	...	8	...	26	11	...	...	6 0	1 28
Dibutter Naib Ahilkar	...	.....	19	19	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	7	12	...	...	8 0	1 2.
Additional Naib Ahilkar	...	.....	6	6	4	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...		2 .
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj...	159	374	...	533	...	...	74	1	37	40	191	...	..	71	23	487	96	4	...	5 27	2 1
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	43	372	3	418	254	...	16	3	8	23	42	9	...	14	5	120	44	3	1	7 0	2 29
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	75	24	241	340	3	...	50	1	16	53	109	17	1	18	8	273	64	2	...	7 22	3 4
2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	...	.....	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	3	3	13	...	...	...	6 2	5 2
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	32	453	...	485	263	1	24	...	21	23	75	...	...	20	2	166	56	1	...	3 24	1 18
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	59	23	263	345	...	2	51	3	29	27	102	...	...	21	3	238	107	13	...	5 5	2 28
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	40	176	6	222	7	...	25	1	10	29	77	...	...	23	3	171	44	7	1	.....	...
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	...	.....	7	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	.....	...
TOTAL ...	556	1,944	576	3,076	576	3	351	14	189	300	805	33	1	224	50	1,970	536	31	3	.....	...
RENT COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	...	6	...	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	5	1	...	...	2 7	1 28
Assistant Civil Judge ...	192	1,865	2	2,059	352	...	297	...	92	457	589	...	...	23	1	1,403	298	...	...	3 5	1 7
Brijut S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	27	19	77	123	...	...	32	...	3	31	47	...	..	5	...	118	5	...	...	3 2	1 1
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	...	11	227	238	...	...	50	...	16	54	93	...	...	5	.	218	20	...	...	2 28	1 13
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	...
Additional Naib Ahilkar	...	.....	95	95	47	...	12	...	3	15	16	...	...	...	...	48	..	...	...	.. ...	1 3
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	97	694	...	791	2	...	75	...	71	111	433	...	...	29	1	690	99	...	...	3 28	1 19
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	224	2,640	46	2,909	1,885	...	67	1	101	141	494	...	...	36	4	844	180	4	...	5 6	2 1
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	278	49	1,732	2,059	43	...	158	1	142	227	1,146	..	...	49	12	1,735	281	2	...	4 9	1 27
2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	...	.....	153	153	3	...	4	..	4	14	122	...	...	4	2	150	...	...	...	2 20	1 25
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	88	2,041	..	2,129	1,125	...	69	...	51	196	483	...	...	21	2	822	182	...	...	3 7	1 9
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	188	35	1,125	1,348		...	110	1	92	119	610	...	...	19	15	966	382	4	...	3 28	1 14
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	101	930	7	1,038	22	..	98	1	106	156	476	...	...	31	6	874	142	1	...	.....	...
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	...	.....	22	22	7	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	..	...	...	15	...	...	...	.....	...
TOTAL ...	1,194	8,290	3,486	12,970	3,486	...	974	4	683	1,471	4,496	...	...	223	43	7,894	1,591	11	...	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge	13	508	...	521	...	...	..	1	10	164	190	117	...	15	...	497	24	...	...	.....	...
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	6	294	...	300	..	...	65	1	22	15	118	...	...	11	2	234	66	...	...	1 28	1 5
Ditto, Dinhata	42	308	...	350	...	...	62	...	25	79	134	1	...	14	20	305	45	...	...	2 9	1 17
Ditto, Mathabhanga	39	526	...	565	...	1	117	2	25	88	234	...	...	24	7	498	67	...	...	2 10	1 9
Ditto, Mekligunj	14	189	...	203	...	...	27	1	7	52	85	...	...	4	5	151	22	...	...	.....	...
TOTAL ...	114	1,825	...	1,939	...	1	261	5	89	398	741	118	...	68	34	1,715	224	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,864	12,059	4,062	17,985	4,062	4	1,586	23	961	2,169	6,042	151	1	515	127	11,579	2,344	42	3	.....	...

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

Value of suits.	Civil Suits.								Rent Suits.								Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Badder.	Toofanganj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Badder.	Toofanganj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofanganj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	21	3	11	157	17	13	222	5	...	...	1	...	6	229
Ditto " 20 ...	...	16	2	19	12	17	2	68	...	228	65	107	615	169	120	1,304	93	61	15	61	23	253	1,625
Ditto " 50 ...	...	25	16	102	27	37	5	212	...	436	116	213	880	449	236	2,360	214	89	118	206	80	707	3,279
Ditto " 100 ...	...	44	14	90	32	48	18	246	...	365	134	182	584	521	260	2,046	185	84	172	250	78	749	3,041
Ditto " 500 ...	...	321	3	223	322	289	137	1,295	...	348	64	140	477	596	252	1,877	...	...	...	...	...	.....	3,172
Ditto " 1,000 ...	...	58	...	3	13	13	9	96	...	11	2	7	16	36	8	80	...	...	...	...	...	.....	176
Ditto " 5,000 ...	48	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	48	5	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	5	...	...	...	...	...	.....	53
Ditto " 10,000 ...	3	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	3	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	3
Ditto " 1,00,000 ...	1	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1
Exceeding " 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total ...	52	464	35	437	406	404	172	1,970	5	1,409	384	690	2,744	1,788	889	7,894	497	234	805	498	181	1,715	11,579

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Judicial Member, Regency Council,

Civil Dept., Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-29.

CIVIL COURTS.	Application to execute decrees: Pending at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Applications disposed of: Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	Pending: More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Postponed.	Nature and number of cases in which coercive process issued: Against the person. Arrest.	Imprisonment	Moveable property. Attached.	Sold.	Immoveable property. Attached.	Sold.	Orders under Order XXI, Rule 89, Code of Civil Procedure.	Applications for review: Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	33	54	.....	87	41	24	65	...	5	1	22	2	5	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	78	257	.....	335	92	163	255	...	7	.....	75	23	28	3	94	7	64	90	.....	.....	.....
Sjt. S. Banerji, Naib Ahilkar	7	13	.....	20	.....	17	17	...	.....	.....	3	1	2	.....	5	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar,	1	10	.....	2	.....	1	1	...	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malcutchary Naib Ahilkar	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar (Sudder)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	61	273	.....	334	100	182	282	...	3	1	52	22	48	.....	204	22	29	41	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	40	105	7	152	47	78	125	...	5	.....	27	22	15	.....	62	1	22	20	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	37	119	.....	156	4	66	106	5	6	.....	45	16	20	.....	78	.....	18	15	.....	.....	.....
2nd Additional Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	52	250	.....	302	83	152	235	...	1	.....	67	31	42	.....	175	5	49	30	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	35	185	.....	220	67	102	169	...	2	.....	51	19	22	1	101	.....	30	14	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj	26	142	.....	168	51	68	119	...	9	1	49	24	10	.....	30	2	28	27	.....	.....	.....
Total	365	1,402	7	1,774	522	853	1,375	7	38	2	392	161	192	8	749	38	246	238	.....	.....	.....
Rent.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	3	6	.....	9	7	.....	7	..	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	222	973	10	1,205	399	523	922	...	30	.....	283	23	14	2	464	10	391	226	.....	.....	.....
S. S. Banerji, Naib Ahilkar	38	90	.....	128	45	60	105	...	.....	.....	23	.....	3	.....	52	.....	60	36	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	6	73	.....	79	20	30	50	...	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	30	12	.....	.....	.....
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	2	2	.....	4	2	2	4	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar	.....	25	.....	25	2	2	4	10	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	80	378	.....	458	263	136	399	...	5	.....	59	23	7	.....	199	8	122	124	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	226	657	39	922	365	289	654	...	62	.....	268	67	72	.....	401	1	313	186	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	330	1002	.....	1,332	423	446	869	39	72	.....	424	90	95	1	770	1	471	204	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	121	698	...	819	315	249	594	...	6	.....	225	8	28	.....	469	2	299	158	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	130	680	.....	810	348	289	637	...	8	.....	173	6	40	.....	524	5	532	157	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj	97	567	.....	664	269	226	495	...	14	.....	109	72	1	.....	209	5	269	132	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,255	5,091	49	6,395	2,488	2,252	4,740	49	187	.....	1,606	289	265	3	3,113	32	2,287	1,245	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	26	249	.....	275	32	222	254	...	.....	.....	21	.....	31	3	143	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	2	43	.....	45	4	36	40	.	.....	.....	5	.....	3	.....	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Dinhata	32	219	.....	251	21	168	189	...	.....	.....	62	.....	38	.....	218	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Mathabhanga	31	285	.....	316	34	235	269	...	.....	.....	47	.....	39	1	203	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Mekliganj	9	87	.....	96	9	73	82	...	.....	.....	14	.....	7	2	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	100	883	.....	983	100	734	834	...	.....	.....	149	.....	118	6	635	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total	1,720	7,376	56	9,152	3,110	3,839	6,949	56	225	3	2,147	450	570	17	4,897	89	2,533	1,483	.....	.....	.....

H. I. Khastgir

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	Disposed of. Contested.	Disposed of. Uncontested.	Disposed of. TOTAL.	Transferred.	Pending. More than six months.	Pending. More than 12 months.	Total pending.	Average duration of cases. Contested. M. D.	Average duration of cases. Uncontested. M. D.	REMARKS.
Civil														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	28	146	.....	174	31	113	144	.....	.....	1	30	4 18	2 6	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	13	80	1	94	4	59	63	.....	.....	.....	31	3 18	1 21	
Sjt. S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	2	5	.....	7	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	4 1	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	18	62	.....	80	14	56	70	.....	.....	.....	10	6 6	1 26	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	12	18	.....	30	7	16	23	.....	1	.....	7	5 6	4 0	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	14	47	.....	61	2	43	45	.....	.....	.....	16	4 1	3 10	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	10	62	.....	72	12	53	65	.....	.....	.....	7	3 0	1 28	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	14	40	.....	54	12	32	44	.....	1	.....	10	3 10	2 6	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguni ...	8	39	.....	47	3	24	27	.....	3	.....	20	4 3	1 13	
Total ...	119	503	1	623	85	402	487	1	5	1	135	.....	.....	
Rent.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	31	177	2	210	1	135	136	.....	.....	.....	74	2 14	1 25	
Sjt. S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	9	27	.....	36	.....	33	13	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1 20	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	22	.....	22	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1 2	
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	9	59	.....	68	4	58	62	.....	.....	.....	6	3 25	1 28	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	26	86	.....	112	12	70	82	.....	2	.....	30	6 0	2 3	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	52	126	.....	178	7	121	128	.....	2	.....	50	6 0	2 4	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	18	132	.....	150	18	102	120	.....	.....	.....	30	2 20	1 12	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	24	91	.....	115	7	82	89	.....	1	.....	26	3 8	1 20	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguni ...	36	84	4	124	18	76	94	4	3	.....	26	3 25	1 20	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar Do. ...	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	205	810	10	1,025	67	690	757	10	10	.....	258	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 20 & 50.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	3	31	.....	34	.....	24	24	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	0 23	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	.....	7	.....	7	.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1 28	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	8	19	.....	27	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1 28	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	4	42	.....	46	2	41	43	.....	.....	.....	3	1 15	1 7	
Ditto. Mekliguni ...	1	14	.....	15	1	12	13	.....	.....	.....	2	1 13	0 21	
TOTAL ...	16	113	.....	129	3	108	111	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL ...	340	1,426	11	1,777	155	1,200	1,355	11	15	1	411	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.								Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Order XLI, Rule 22, of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.						
Civil Side	9	58	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	6	15	33	3	57	10	.....	.....	3	1	
Ditto, Miscellaneous side.	3	31	.....	34	.....	2	.....	.....	2	14	7	25	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	12	89	.....	101	.....	2	.....	6	17	47	10	82	19	.....	.....	3	1	
Rent side	2	20	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	5	6	7	2	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous ...	11	56	.....	67	.....	2	.....	.....	20	18	11	51	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	13	76	.....	89	.....	2	.....	5	26	25	13	71	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand Total ...	25	165	.....	190	.....	4	.....	11	43	72	23	153	37	.....	.....	3	1	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

Nature of Case.	CIVIL.														RENT.														SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs 100.												Remarks.
	Civil Judge		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Tofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Civil Judge		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Tofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Sudder.		Tofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		
	Instituted.	Disposed	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	
1. Application to receive and review suits.	6	6	55	33	37	37	43	44	60	58	23	19	224	207	3	..	126	92	71	23	122	111	93	90	47	50	412	368	30	22	6	6	18	18	36	37	..	..	88	84	
2. Claims and objections ..	1	1	4	4	14	24	6	10	15	15	..	..	41	54	..	..	6	6	4	6	3	4	3	2	..	..	16	18	1	1	1	..	3	7	5	5	..	..	10	13	
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	12	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
4 Pauper applications	4	3	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
5 Suits under Act VII of 1921	42	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	55	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
7. Probate cases.. ..	22	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Other miscellaneous suits ..	7	6	28	29	11	9	16	14	26	26	14	7	101	91	..	..	99	84	34	34	87	95	127	127	36	43	383	383	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	9	8	3	..	39	23	54	23	17	11	83	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTAL ...	147	115	89	69	62	79	65	68	102	109	39	27	504	483	4	..	237	190	62	62	242	232	247	243	101	105	893	832	31	24	7	6	19	25	42	43	..	..	99	98	

Non-Judicial.

Total Instituted	...	84
Total Disposed of	...	66
Total Pending	...	19

Judicial.

Total Instituted	...	1,412
Total Disposed of	..	1,352
Total Pending	...	400

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Civil Statement No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the C Behar State during the year 1928-1929.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks
Cooch Behar.				
Civil and Sessions Judge's Office.				
Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Civil and Sessions Judge.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Bishan Charan Majumdar, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
,, Bhabesh Chandra Banerjee, 2nd Clerk	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Ramani Mohan Chakravarti, Peshkar	Chukani in Sudder ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
,, Kishori Ranjan Ray, Record-keeper.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Kumud Bandhu Sarkar, Bakiat Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Priya Nath Ghosh, Execution Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Basanta Kumar Bhattacharjee, Comparing Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Satis Chandra Das Gupta, Nazir...	.....	.....	.....	
,, Kedareswar Chakravarti, Naib Nazir.	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judges' Office.				
Srijut Nogendra Prosad Roy, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Tufanguni	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
Srijut Anukul Chandra Das, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ..	.....	.....	
,, Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Gopal Chandra Dey, Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Mohim Chandra Laskar, Clerk ...	Jote & Chukani in Sudder.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
,, Uma Nath Pal, Clerk ...	Chukani in Sudder ...	Ditto.	.....	
,, Debendra Nath Barua, Clerk ...	A Jote in Sudder ...	.....	.....	
,, Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Clerk ...	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
Tufangunj.				
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi B. L., Naib Abilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Lalit Mohan Banerjee, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Satish Chandra Goon, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Rabindra Nath Adhikari, 3rd Clerk	.....	.....	.....	
,, Gagan Sing Kumar, Accountant ..	2 houses in the town	.....	.....	
,, Ananta Mohan Sing, Clerk ...	.....	.....	.....	
,, Harendra Nath Bose, Clerk ...	A house in the town...	.....	.....	
,, Nabakumar Brahma, Clerk ...	Ditto. ...	.....	.....	

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameens employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-1929.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.				Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	Charges.			Number of Ameen's peons.	Process fees.			Ameen's Peon's charges.			Remarks.
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge		35	0	0	5 days	1	(a) 1,341	15	6	2	1	0	0	283	11	9	(a) This includes Rs. 11-15-6 for Contingencies.
Assistant Civil Judge		749	0	0	107 ,,						57	0	0				
Treasury Officer ...		24	0	0	4 ,,						1	8	0				
Debutter Naib Ahilkar		14	0	0	2 ,,						1	0	0				
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ...		252	0	0	36 ,,						23	8	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...																	
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ...		217	0	0	31 ,,						12	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...																	
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ...		294	0	0	42 ,,						31	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...																	
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ..		35	0	0	5 ,,						4	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...																	
Total ...		1,620	0	0	232 days	1	1,341	15	6	2	131	0	0	283	11	9	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year **1928-1929.**

NAMES OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of processes served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
Civil.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
Civil Judge's Court	4,211	1,721 8 0	4,089	9,690 15 7	7·6 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,883	1,630 0 0	1,817			
Tufangunj ditto	1,691	1,503 4 0	1,712	1,321 5 11	3·68 "	
Dinhata ditto	2,028	1,836 4 0	2,000	1,877 10 4	11·42 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	2,540	2,127 4 0	2,125	1,788 0 4	7·2 "	
Mekliguni ditto	1,177	849 10 0	1,009	1,401 14 4	5·2 "	
Rent.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	5,570	5,381 4 0	5,502	.....	.....	
Sudder Rent Suit ditto.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Tufangunj ditto	1,890	1,689 4 0	1,892	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	8,599	7,927 12 0	8,309	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	6,544	6,163 8 0	5,836	.....	.....	
Mekliguni ditto	2,751	3,141 0 0	2,670	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,129	809 4 0	1,111	.....	.....	
Tufangunj ditto	508	400 0 0	499	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	979	825 4 0	934	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,081	855 12 0	968	.....	.....	
Mekliguni ditto	384	292 12 0	379	.....	.....	
Total ...	42,915	37,153 10 0	40,852	16,079 14 6	.....	

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No. 11.

FROM

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In the Registration Department, Cooch Behar.

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 12th July, 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1928-29. The usual Annual returns Nos. I to X are hereto appended.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., was in charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars.*—The following table shews the personnel of the Department in the State :--

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sadder ...	Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April, 1925 to the 31st of March 1929.
Dinhata ...	" Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto
Mathabhanga ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar	Ditto
Mekligunj ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April to the 20th of May, 1928 and from the 5th of June, 1928 to the 31st of March, 1929.
Ditto ...	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, MA., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 21th of May to the 4th of June, 1928.
Tufangunj ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1928 to the 31st of March 1929.

4. *Variations as regards documents, compulsory and optional.*—Table No. I compares the numbers of documents, compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with those of the previous year. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 15,781 against 13,403 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 2,378 deeds. The number of deeds of which registration is optional, was 8,705 against 7,720 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 985 deeds.

5. *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration.*—Table No. II compares the numbers of documents of different kinds presented for registration during the year under report with those of the year previous. The total number of documents of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 24,486 against 21,123 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 3,363 deeds.

6. There were increases under all classes of documents as shewn below :—

Gifts	3
Sales	1,426
Usufructuary mortgages	129
Simple mortgages	994
Leases	647
Obligations for payment of money	17
Wills	13
Miscellaneous	134
Total ...	3,363

The increases under "Sales", "Usufructuary mortgages" and "Simple mortgages" are due to the bad economic condition of the people owing to the low and unsteady price of jute and the short outturn of *haimanti* crops during the year under report.

The small increase of 647 deeds under head "Leases" is due to the fact that the settlement of khash lands in possession of the Jotedars and the undertenants, which commenced after the distribution of the new settlement Terijes in 1927-28, continued during the year under report.

The increases under the other heads are small and call for no explanation.

7. *Variations as regards the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices during the year under report with that of the previous year :—

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1927-28.	1928-29.		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,621	6,229	608	.....
Dinhata office	5,267	5,947	680	.....
M[illegible] do.	4,153	4,883	730	.....
Mekliganj do.	2,367	2,623	256	.....
Tufanganj do.	3,715	4,804	1,089	.....
Total	21,123	24,486	3,363	.....

8. *Number of deeds actually registered.*—Of the 24,486 deeds presented for registration 69 were refused registration and 53 were pending at the close of the year and the remaining 24,364 deeds were actually registered. Besides these, 13 documents were admitted to registration during the year under report out of those which were pending registration from the previous year. Thus the total number of deeds actually registrered during the year was 24,377.

9. *Progress in the work of Copying.*—Of the 24,377 deeds admitted to registration none remained uncopied at the end of the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 28 documents in the year under report against 14 of the previous year, yeilding fees amounting to Rs. 328-8 against Rs. 157 of the year previous.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—One Joint Stock Company under the name and designation of the "Lakshmi Bhandar Limited" was registered under the Companies Act during the year under report. The amount of fees realised under the above Act during the year amounted to Rs. 40 which was duly credited in the Treasury.

12. *Appeals and petitions.*—There were only 8 applications under section 73 of the Registration Act before the Registrar of Deeds for disposal during the year under review. Of these, 7 were disposed of and one remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts.*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 27,197-15 against Rs. 23,286-3 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 3,911-12. The increase is due to the increase in the number of deeds presented for registration.

14. *Disbursements.*—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 13,030-7-8 against Rs. 12,229-1-6 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 801-6-2. The increase is chiefly under temporary establishment entertained for copying out the increased number of documents registered and also under charges for binding the register books.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State during the year was Rs. 14,167-7-4 against Rs. 11,057-1-6 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 3,110-5-10.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—All the Sub-Registrars received, as in the previous year, a fixed uniform registration allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

17. *Conduct of officers.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,

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I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realised on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. A. P.
27-1928	13,403	7,720	21,123	20,774 8 0
28-1929	15,781	8,705	24,486	24,523 12 0
Increase	2,378	985	3,363	3,749 4 0
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—*Comparative table showing the number of deeds of different classes presented for registration during the years 1927-28 and 1928-29.*

YEARS.	Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Simple mortgages.	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1927-1928	282	8,390	581	3,608	6,534	501	17	1,210	21,123
1928-1929	285	9,816	710	4,602	7,181	518	30	1,344	24,486
Increase... ...	3	1,426	129	994	647	17	13	134	3,363
Decrease... ...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.	Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Simple mortgages	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	82	2,542	126	1,035	1,887	117	13	427	6,229
Dinhata office	67	2,536	19	1,119	1,690	167	3	346	5,947
Mathabhanga do	53	2,157	110	1,106	1,090	148	5	219	4,883
Mekligunj do	33	1,088	433	558	396	28	3	84	2,623
Tufangunj do	50	1,493	22	784	2,118	63	6	268	4,804
TOTAL ...	285	9,816	710	4,602	7,181	518	30	1,344	24,486

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IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1928-1929.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.					Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	6,799 1 0	243 0 0	7,042 1 0	3,765 14 4	1,051 1 6	600 0 0	.....	5,416 15 10	.....	1,625 1 2	1,625 1 2
Dinhata ...	6,130 14 0	52 0 0	6,182 14 0	1,377 5 3	60 2 0	600 0 0	.....	2,037 7 3	.....	4,145 6 9	4,145 6 9
Mathabhanga ...	5,966 1 0	117 12 0	6,083 13 0	1,275 7 8	87 14 4	600 0 0	.....	1,963 6 0	.....	4,120 7 0	4,120 7 0
Mekliganj ...	3,627 13 0	167 0 0	3,794 13 0	1,033 8 0	87 10 0	600 0 0	.....	1,721 2 0	.....	2,073 11 0	2,073 11 0
Tufanganj ...	4,066 14 0	27 8 0	4,094 6 0	1,215 15 10	75 8 9	600 0 0	.....	1,891 8 7	.....	2,202 13 5	2,202 13 5
Total ...	26,590 11 0	607 4 0	27,197 15 0	8,668 3 1	1,362 4 7	3,000 0 0	.....	13,030 7 8	.....	14,167 7 4	14,167 7 4

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V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Gifts.		Sales.		Usufructuary mortgages.		Simple mortgages.		Leases.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees
	Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.
...	...	17	186 4	...	...	9	135 4	2	7 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	328 8

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds remained to be copied.	Refused Registration.	Pending.	Pending deeds of previous year admitted.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	6,195	.....	10	26	2	
Dinhata	5,907	.....	30	14	4	
Mathabhanga	4,869	.....	12	5	3	
Mekliganj	2,620	.....	2	1	...	
Toofanganj	4,786	.....	15	7	4	

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1928-1929.

OFFICES.	Number of Deeds presented for Registration.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	3,660	2,563	11,24,645	7,012 1 0	3,765 14 4	600 0 0	.....	1,051 1 6
Dinhata	3,923	2,014	6,59,917	6,182 14 0	1,377 5 3	600 0 0	.....	60 2 0
Mathabhanga	3,089	1,794	10,55,099	6,083 13 0	1,275 7 8	600 0 0	.....	87 14 4
Mekliganj	1,889	784	6,10,631	3,794 13 0	1,053 8 0	600 0 0	.....	87 10 0
Toofanganj	2,254	1,550	6,27,220	4,094 6 0	1,215 15 10	600 0 0	.....	75 8 9
TOTAL ...	15,781	8,705	40,77,512	27,197 15 0	8,668 3 1	3,600 0 0	.....	1,362 4 7

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VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29.*

Years.	Number of deeds registered.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1927-28 ...	13,403	7,720	23,286 3 0	7,953 4 11	2,993 8 9	1,282 3 10	.....	12,229 1 6	11,057 1 6
1928-29 ...	15,781	8,705	27,197 15 0	8,668 3 1	3,000 0 0	1,362 4 7	.....	13,030 7 8	14,167 7 4
Increase ...	2,378	985	3,911 12 0	714 14 2	6 7 3	80 0 9	.....	801 6 2	3,110 5 10
Decrease ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder	.....	...	5	5	2	2	4	1
Dinhata	.....	...	2	2	1	1	2	...
Mathabhanga ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mekligunj	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Toofangunj	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Total ...	.....	...	8	8	4	3	7	1

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary Mortgages.	Simple mortgages.	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·01	·40	·02	·18	·29	·02	·001	·05

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FROM

SAILEN SUMATHA RANJAN MAJUMDAR,
Audit Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,
PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 17th July 1929.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1928-29 and to append the following statements which will afford all the materials necessary for an appreciation of the financial situation in the year under report as compared with that in the year 1927-28 :—

(1) Comparative statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the State for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29.

(2) Comparative statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Cooch Behar Treasury for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29.

(3) Ledger Balances of the Accounts with the Cooch Behar State as they stood on the 31st March, 1929.

2. The original Budget Estimate for the year 1928-29 was framed with a Revenue of Rs. 41,92,126 and an Expenditure of Rs. 38,99,779 excluding the amount of Rs. 2,00,000 set apart for the Reserve Fund, the result showing a surplus of Rs. 2,92,477 on the Revenue. Subsequently when the Revised Estimate was prepared with a Revenue of Rs. 41,29,966 and an Expenditure of Rs. 39,77,931, excluding the amount of Rs. 4,43,333 set apart for the Reserve, the estimated surplus was reduced to Rs. 1,48,035, the depletion from the original surplus being mainly due to heavy fall in the Rice Mill receipts. The actual Revenue and Expenditure for the year are, however, Rs. 41,66,139 and Rs. 38,93,993, respectively, excluding the Reserve noted above. The surplus on the transactions of the year under report is thus Rs. 2,72,146. The amount set apart as Reserve for the provision of His Highness and the family was met partly from the above surplus on the Revenue of the year and partly by drawing on the accumulated Cash balance which really accounts for the deficit of Rs. 1,41,187 shown in Statement I annexed.

3. The actual Revenue and Expenditure for the year under Report and the important fluctuations under the various heads as compared with the figures of the preceding year are discussed below :—

A.—REVENUE.

The Revenue of the year 1928-29 amounted Rs. 41,66,139 against Rs. 41,58,104 of the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 8,035 only. The increase occurred mainly under the following heads :—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE :—

	Rs.
(a) Land Revenue—due mainly to the increased receipts under the head "Shairat" ...	+40,788
V.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY—due to the larger earnings both under the heads "Coaching traffic" (+Rs. 14,985) and "Goods traffic" (+Rs. [illegible]) ...	+43,221